

# CHAPTER 70: KINDRED SPIRIT



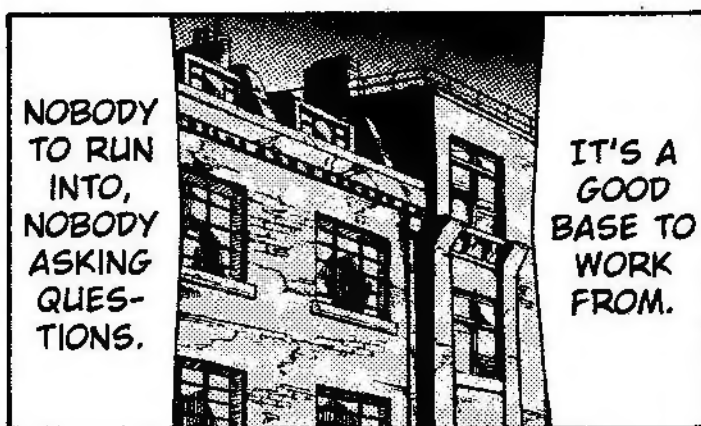
THERE WE GO! THAT SHOULD DO YOU ALL RIGHT FOR NOW.

TOOK FIRST-AID CLASSES. NEVER GUESSED WHO MY FIRST PATIENT WOULD BE.

YOU'VE CLEANED WOUNDS BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?



USE YOUR HEAD, DARREN. HOOKY FOLLOWED YOU FROM YOUR FRIEND'S HOUSE.



NOBODY TO RUN INTO, NOBODY ASKING QUESTIONS.

IT'S A GOOD BASE TO WORK FROM.

SFX: PASHI (SNATCH)



WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO CALL?

HERE, YOU'LL WANT TO MAKE A CALL.



I KNOW, RIGHT? CUTE AND COZY.

NICE PLACE YOU'VE GOT HERE, BY THE WAY.



HE KNOWS WHERE DEBBIE LIVES?



PICK UP THE PHONE ...



Darren? What are—

IT'S ME!!

Hello ?



Is this a joke?





THEN  
GET  
OUT.

NO  
...

AND  
DON'T  
LEAVE  
YOUR  
HOTEL  
ROOM  
...



Have  
you  
lost  
your—

Darren,  
what's  
going  
on!?

DO  
YOU  
WANT  
TO  
DIE!?



THEN  
GET  
OUT  
NOW.  
THROW  
SOME  
STUFF  
IN A BAG  
AND RUN.

FIND  
A HOTEL  
FOR THE  
WEEKEND.  
STAY  
THERE!



PI  
(BEEP)



WHAT'S  
THAT  
SMELL?  
IT'S  
LIKE...  
MEDI-  
CINE.

HIKU  
(SNIFF)



FLIWA  
(SWISH)



NOT  
AT  
ALL.

THANKS,  
STEVE...

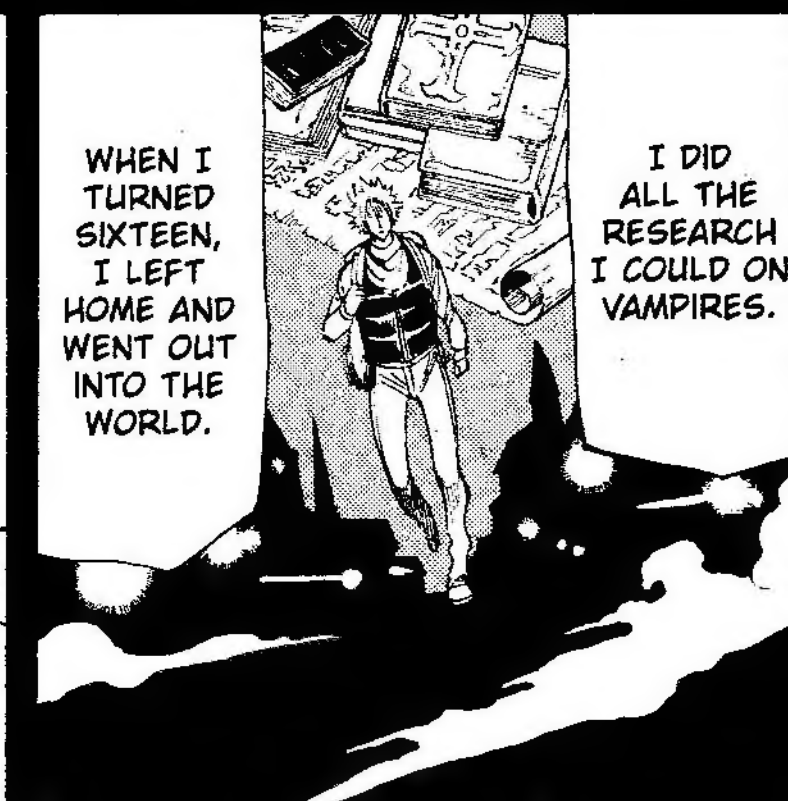


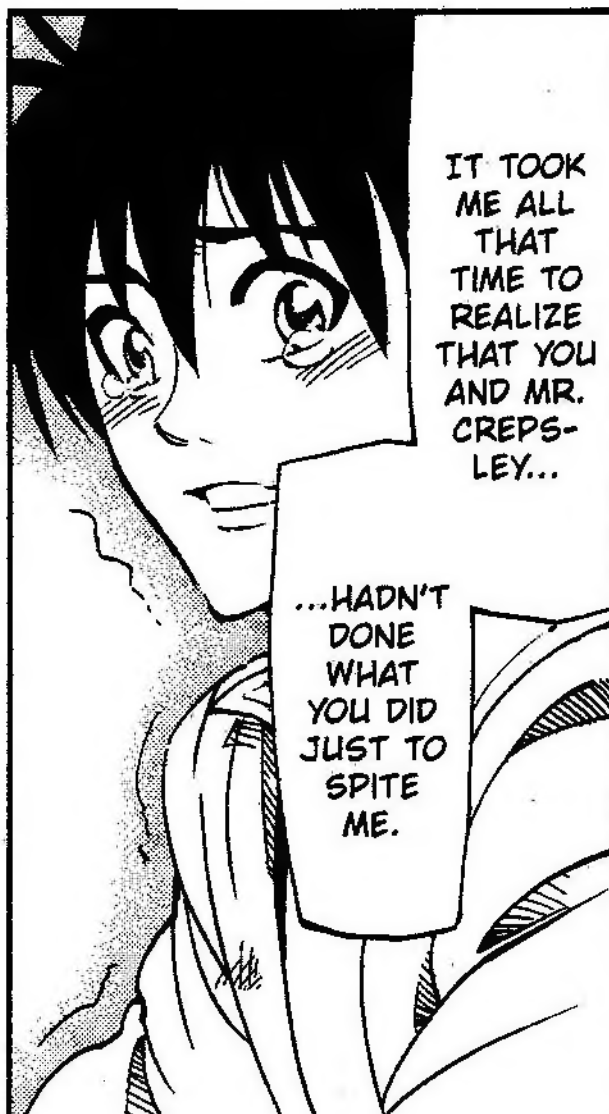
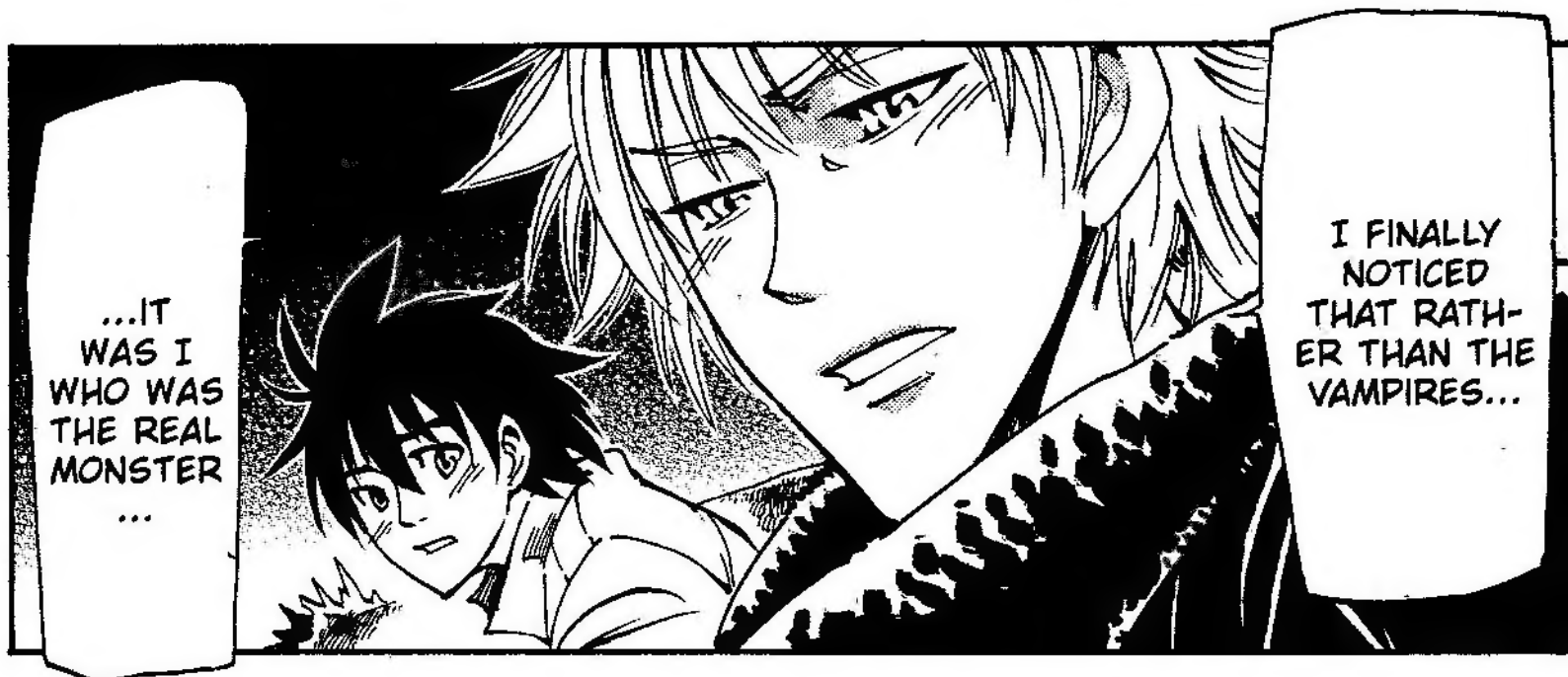
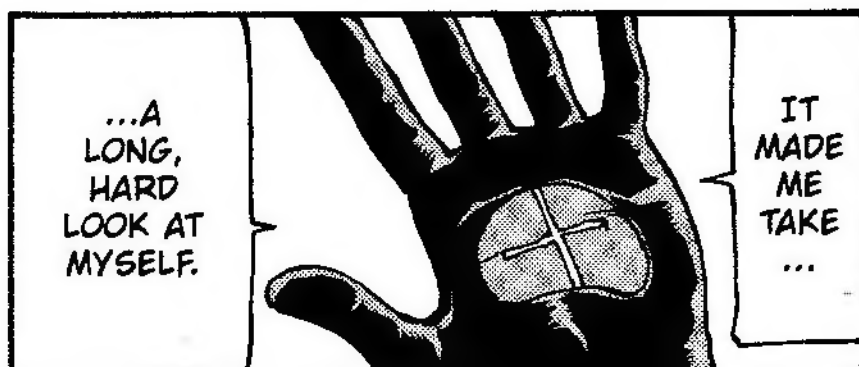
HA-HA,  
JUST  
SOME  
WATER  
WILL  
DO...

AND  
BEFORE  
YOU  
ASK: NO  
BLOOD,  
SORRY.

WANT  
ANYTHING  
TO DRINK,  
DARREN?









I ONLY AGREED TO JOIN HIM IN ORDER TO SAVE YOUR LIFE!

I WAS THE ONE WHO WANTED TO BE A VAMPIRE!



NO, I DON'T HATE YOU ANY-MORE.

SO... YOU DON'T ...



THAT CRAZY REVENGE STUFF IS ALL IN THE PAST...

THESE DAYS, I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU...





...BUT  
ALSO  
ABOUT  
VAM-  
PANEZE.

I'D FOUND  
OUT THE  
TRUTH ABOUT  
VAMPIRES  
...



HA  
HA  
...



IT  
MADE  
ME  
ANGRY.

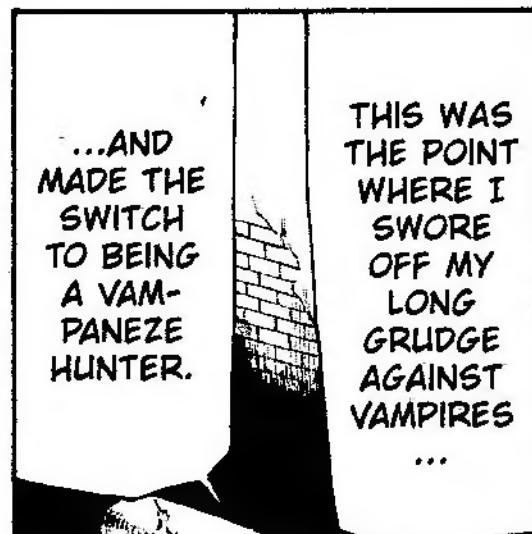
IT WAS  
INCREDIBLE THAT  
SUCH CREATURES  
COULD EXIST,  
ROAMING AND  
KILLING AS THEY  
PLEASE.

THE  
VAM-  
PANEZE  
...



WOW,  
SIX!?

I'VE  
MANAGED  
TO TAKE  
OUT SIX  
OF THEM  
SO FAR.



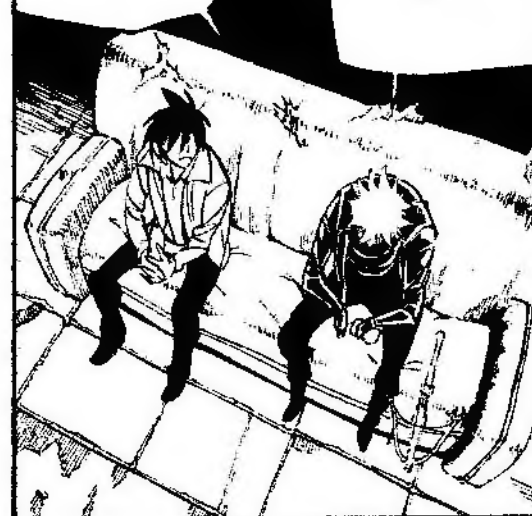
...AND  
MADE THE  
SWITCH  
TO BEING  
A VAM-  
PANEZE  
HUNTER.

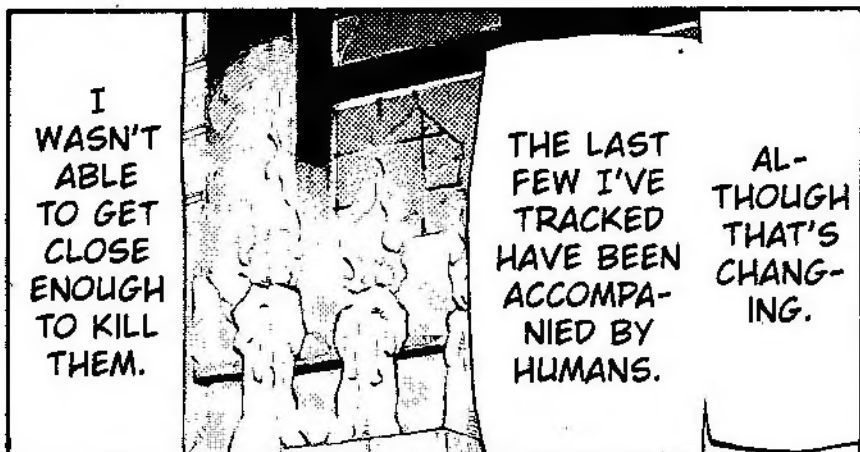
THIS WAS  
THE POINT  
WHERE I  
SWORE  
OFF MY  
LONG  
GRUDGE  
AGAINST  
VAMPIRES  
...



YOU  
HAVE  
TO GET  
THEM  
IN THE  
DAYTIME.  
PLUS...

GU  
(GRAB)  
THERE'S  
NO POINT  
TRYING  
TO FIGHT  
THEM  
HEAD-ON.





I WASN'T ABLE TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO KILL THEM.

THE LAST FEW I'VE TRACKED HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY HUMANS.

AL-THOUGH THAT'S CHANG-ING.



VAM-PETS ?

THEY'RE CALLED VAMPETS. THEY'RE A BIG PAIN.



THEY AREN'T ALLOWED TO USE RANGED WEAPONS...

...BUT THAT DOESN'T APPLY TO ME.



THERE'S SOMEONE I'D LIKE YOU TO SHARE YOUR STORY WITH.

WILL YOU COME TO MY HOTEL WITH ME?



WE HADN'T UNTIL RECENT-  
LY.

I THOUGHT THE FAMILIES OF THE NIGHT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ONE ANOTHER.



JUST COME AND SEE.

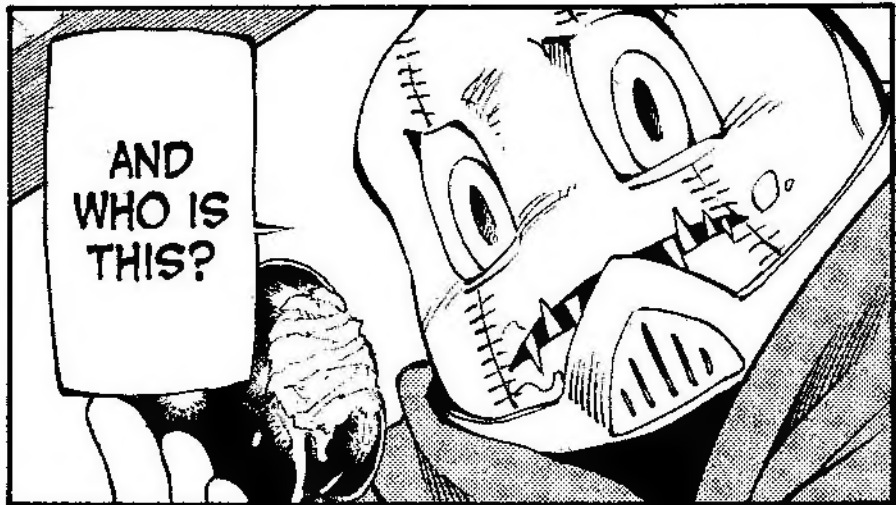
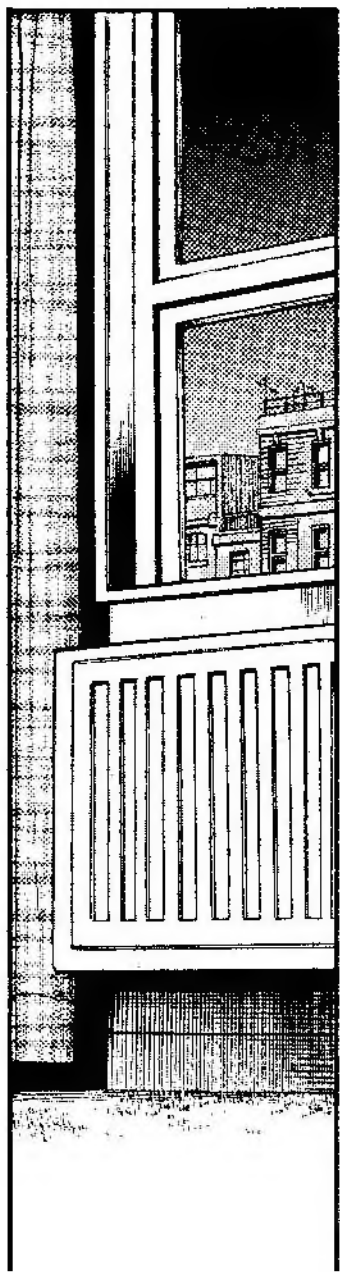
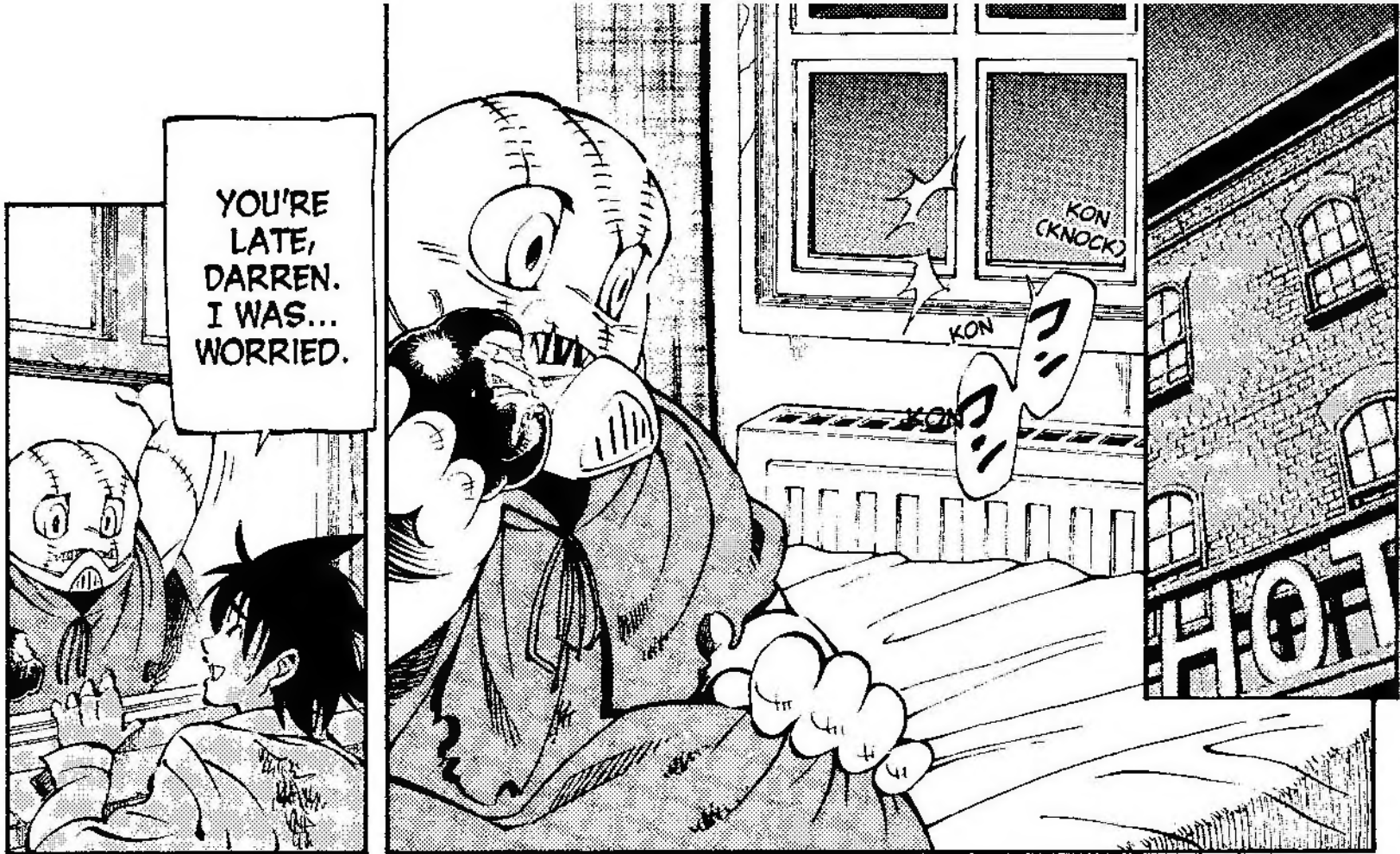
THIS IS SOME-BODY ELSE.

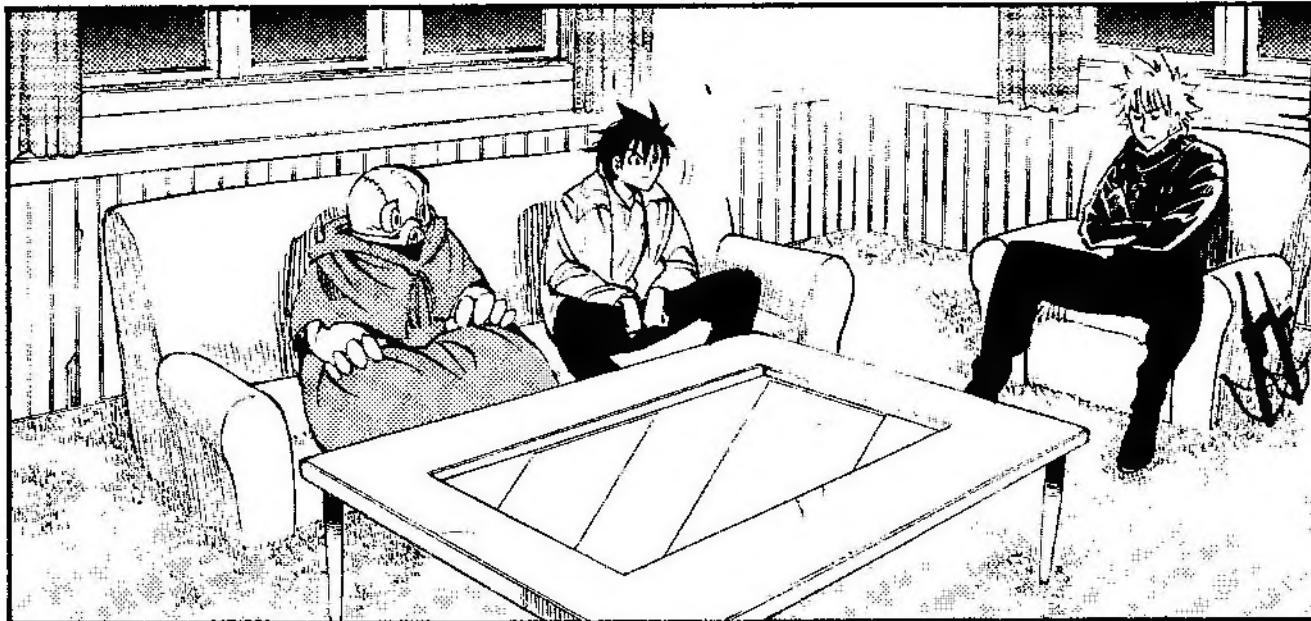
NO, HE'S AWAY ON... BUSINESS.



MR. CREPS-  
LEY?



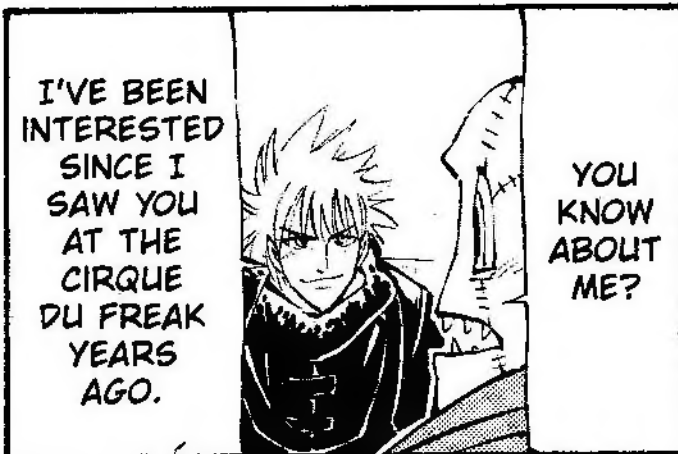




I SEE...  
THE WAR  
OF THE  
SCARS,  
EH?

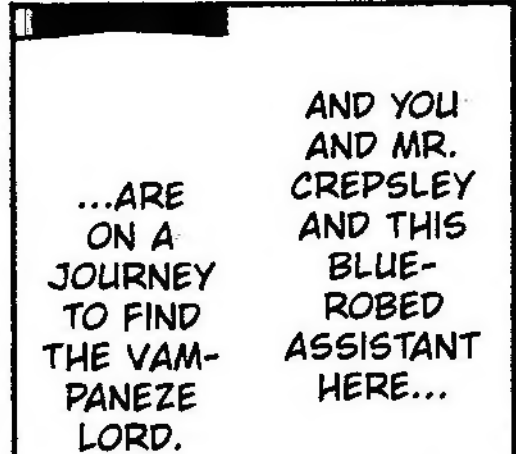


HE  
KEEPS  
HIS  
GLOVES  
ON...



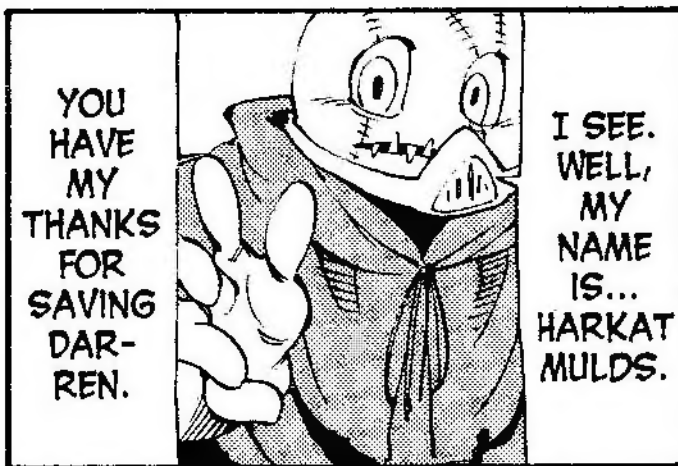
I'VE BEEN  
INTERESTED  
SINCE I  
SAW YOU  
AT THE  
CIRQUE  
DU FREAK  
YEARS  
AGO.

YOU  
KNOW  
ABOUT  
ME?



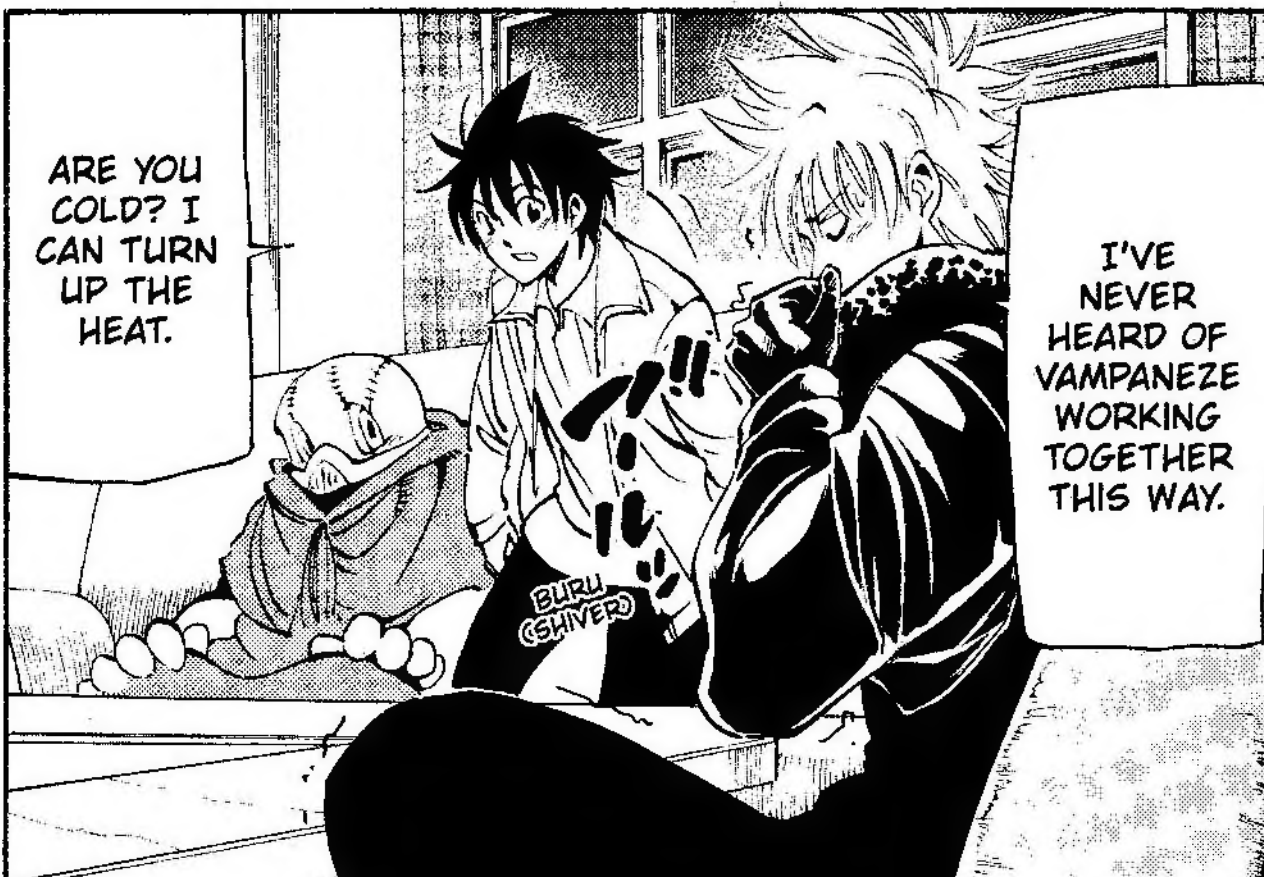
...ARE  
ON A  
JOURNEY  
TO FIND  
THE VAM-  
PANEZE  
LORD.

AND YOU  
AND MR.  
CREPSLEY  
AND THIS  
BLUE-  
ROBED  
ASSISTANT  
HERE...



YOU  
HAVE  
MY  
THANKS  
FOR  
SAVING  
DAR-  
REN.

I SEE.  
WELL,  
MY  
NAME  
IS...  
HARKAT  
MULDS.



ARE YOU  
COLD? I  
CAN TURN  
UP THE  
HEAT.

I'VE  
NEVER  
HEARD OF  
VAMPANEZE  
WORKING  
TOGETHER  
THIS WAY.

SUCH A  
STRANGE  
WORLD  
WE LIVE IN  
THESE DAYS.  
VAMPETS AND  
VAMPANEZE  
LORDS...



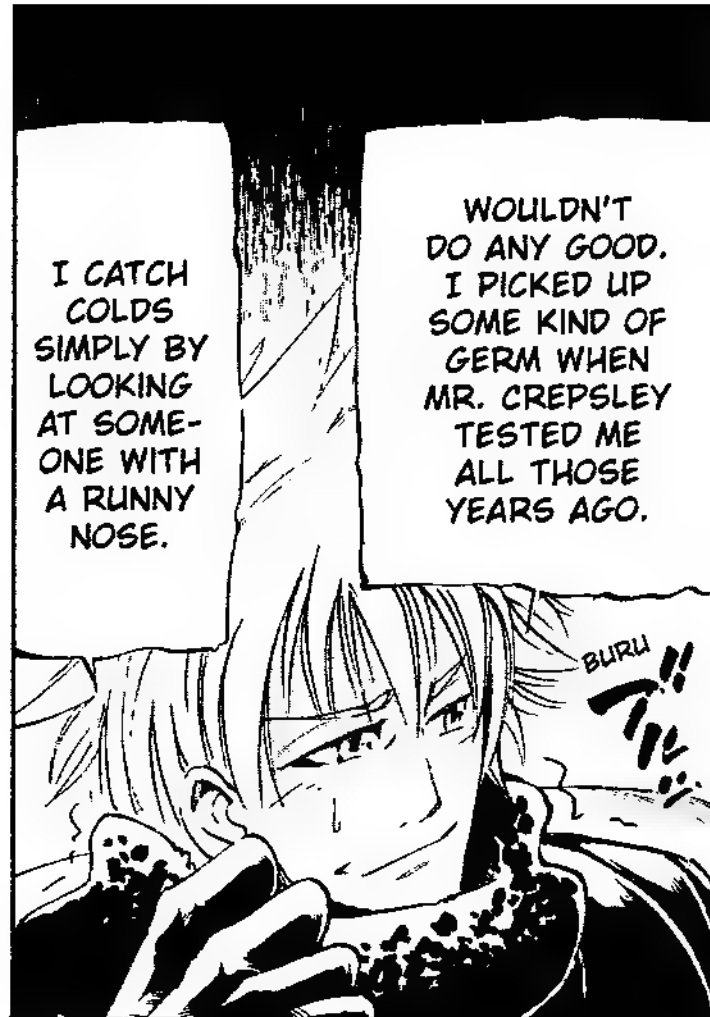
I'M NEVER WITHOUT MY SCARF AND GLOVES.

THAT'S WHY I WRAP UP SO MUCH.



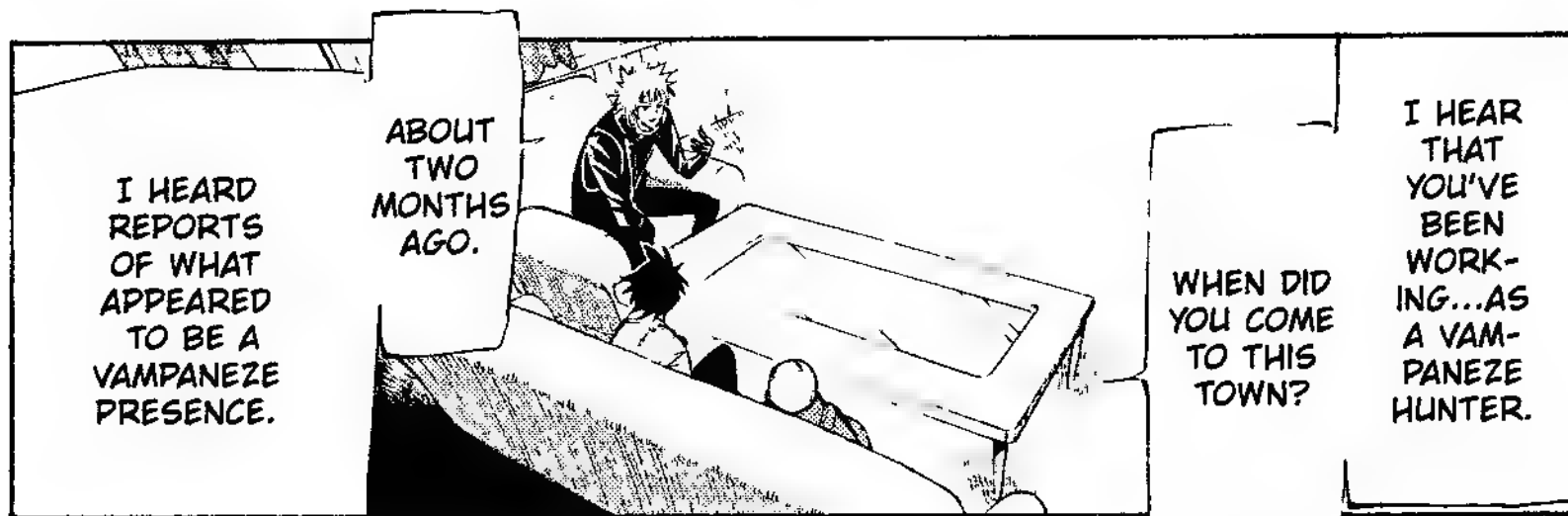
YEAH, IT'S A SPECIAL HERBAL MIX. I RUB IT IN ALL OVER BEFORE I GET DRESSED.

IS THAT WHAT THAT SMELL IS?



I CATCH COLDS SIMPLY BY LOOKING AT SOMEONE WITH A RUNNY NOSE.

WOULDN'T DO ANY GOOD. I PICKED UP SOME KIND OF GERM WHEN MR. CREPSLEY TESTED ME ALL THOSE YEARS AGO.



I HEARD REPORTS OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE A VAMPANEZE PRESENCE.

ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO.

WHEN DID YOU COME TO THIS TOWN?

I HEAR THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING...AS A VAMPANEZE HUNTER.



...AND FOUND MINOR DIFFERENCES IN THE WAYS THEY'D BEEN KILLED.

I EXAMINED THREE OF THE VICTIMS ...



...WAS FAR MORE DISTURBING...

BUT WHAT I DISCOVERED...



IT'S LIKE A FINGER-PRINT, IF YOU WILL.

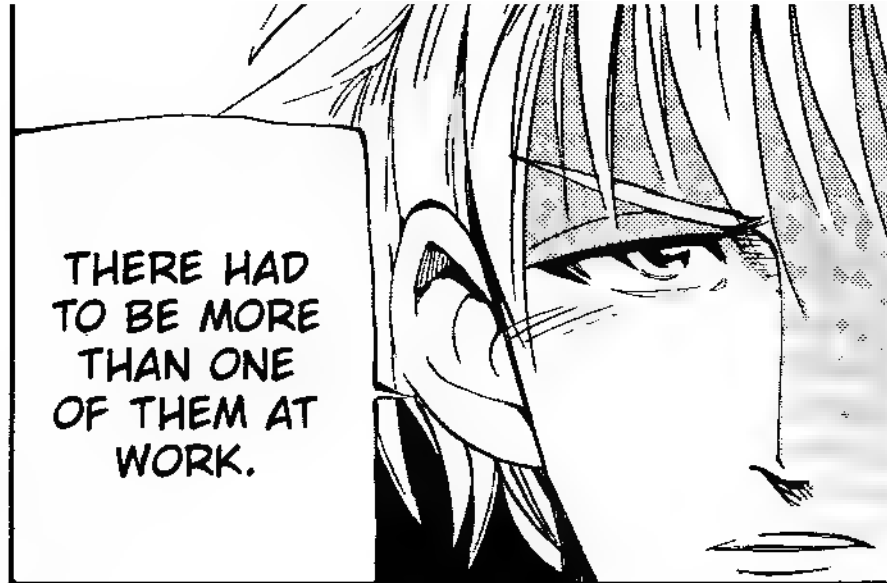
NO TWO VAMPANEZE DRAIN AND KILL A VICTIM EXACTLY ALIKE.



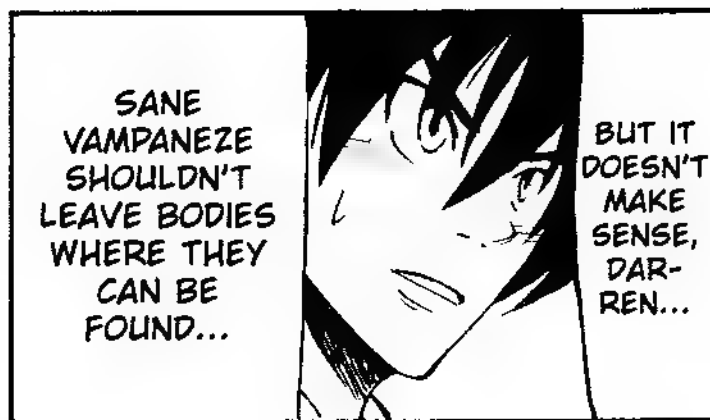


AS  
FAR AS  
I CAN  
FIGURE  
...

...THEY'RE  
SETTING A  
TRAP FOR  
SOMEONE,  
THOUGH  
I'VE NO  
IDEA WHO.

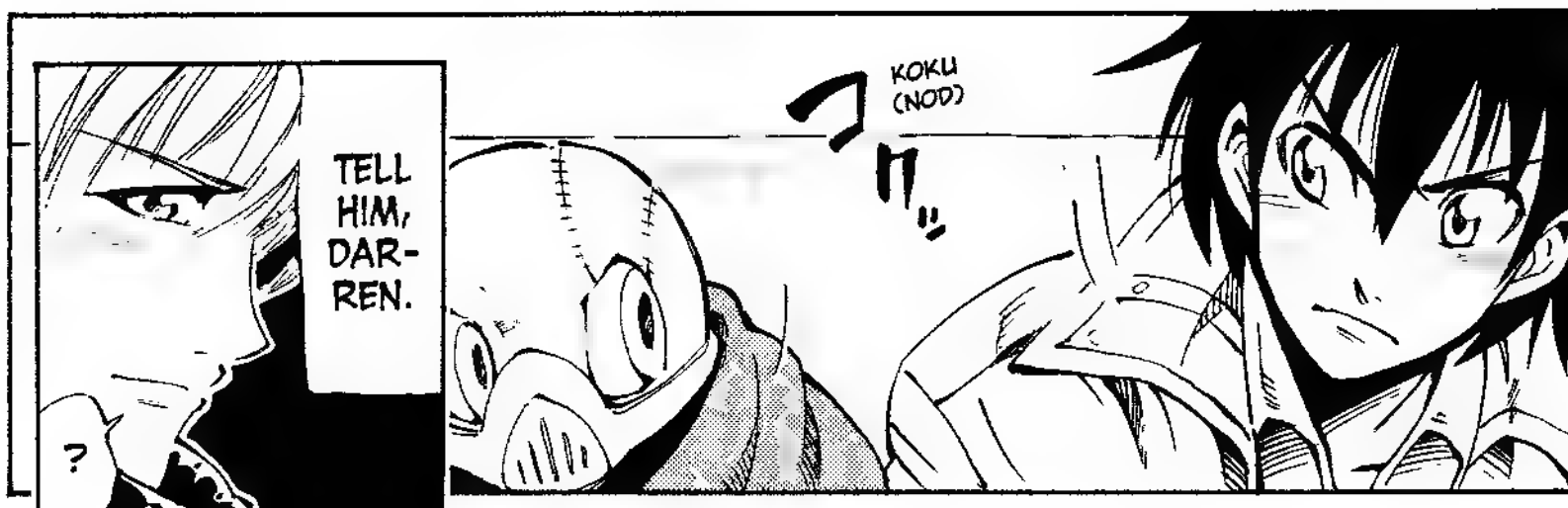


THERE HAD  
TO BE MORE  
THAN ONE  
OF THEM AT  
WORK.



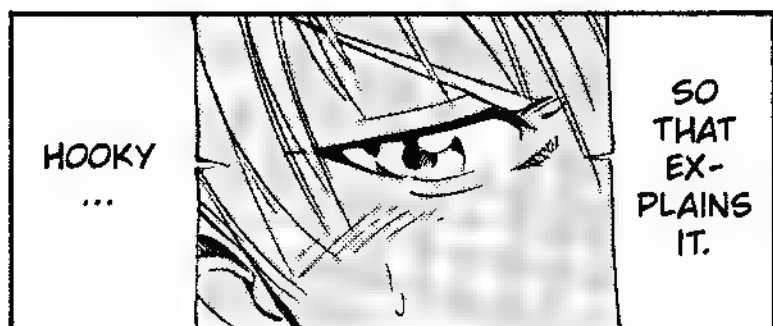
SANE  
VAMPANEZE  
SHOULDN'T  
LEAVE BODIES  
WHERE THEY  
CAN BE  
FOUND...

BUT IT  
DOESN'T  
MAKE  
SENSE,  
DAR-  
REN...



KOKU  
(NOD)

TELL  
HIM,  
DAR-  
REN.



HOOKY  
...

SO  
THAT  
EX-  
PLAINS  
IT.



POS-  
SIBLY.

THEN...  
THEY'RE  
AFTER  
YOU!?



I  
WANTED  
TO  
TRACK  
DOWN  
HIS COM-  
PANIONS.

I COULD  
HAVE  
TAKEN HIM  
OUT AGES  
AGO, BUT  
I KNEW  
HE WASN'T  
WORKING  
ALONE.



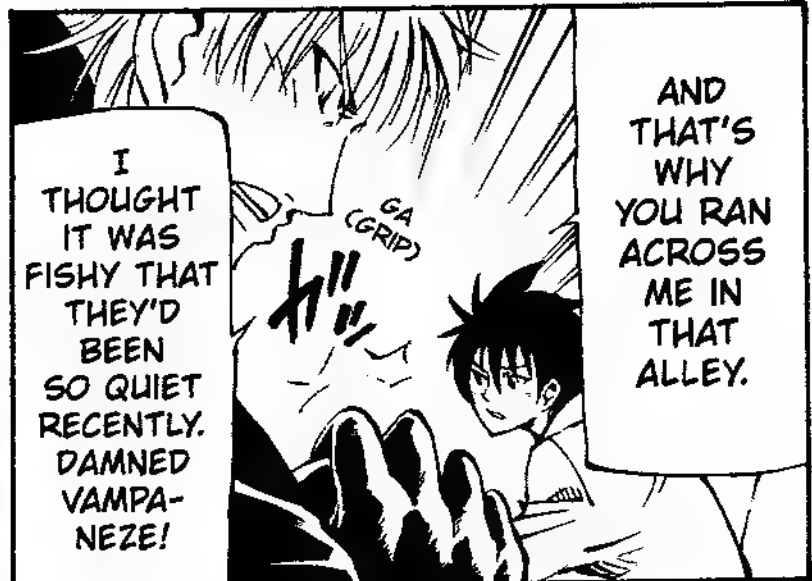
WHAT  
!?

YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
SCHOOL!?



...BUT I  
FEEL LIKE  
IT'S TOO  
LATE FOR  
MERE  
APPROVAL  
ANYMORE.

WELL,  
HARKAT? I  
KNOW MR.  
CREPSLEY  
WOULDN'T  
APPROVE...



I  
THOUGHT  
IT WAS  
FISHY THAT  
THEY'D  
BEEN  
SO QUIET  
RECENTLY.  
DAMNED  
VAMPA-  
NEZE!

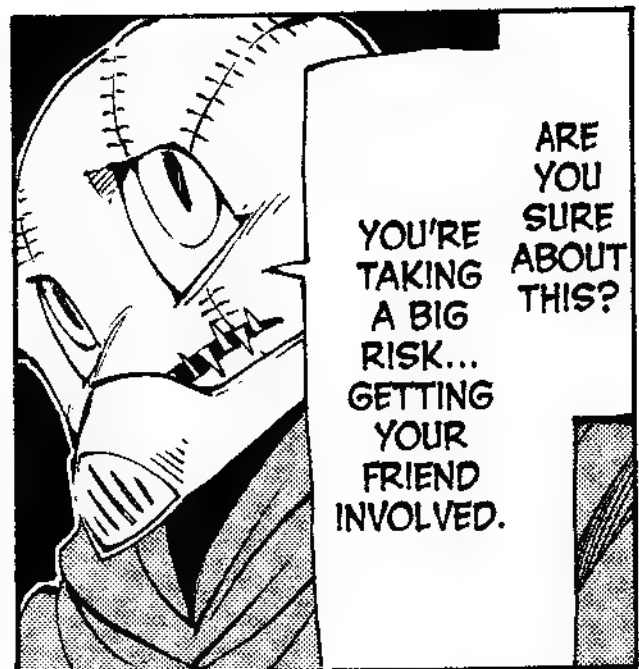
GA  
(GRIP)

AND  
THAT'S  
WHY  
YOU RAN  
ACROSS  
ME IN  
THAT  
ALLEY.

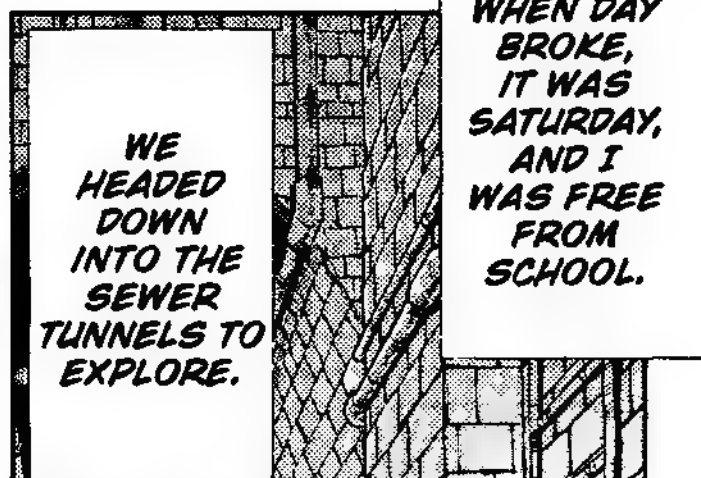
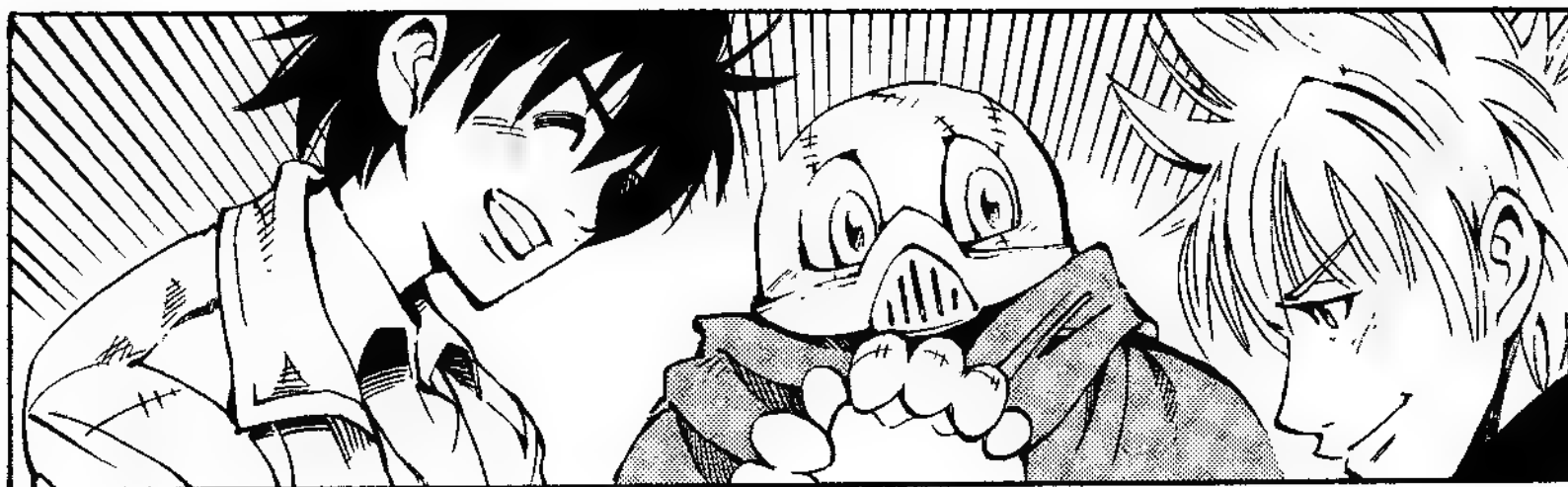


LET'S  
TRACK  
DOWN  
THE VAM-  
PANEZE  
TOGETH-  
ER!

STEVE,  
WILL  
YOU  
WORK  
WITH  
US?



ARE  
YOU  
SURE  
ABOUT  
THIS?  
  
YOU'RE  
TAKING  
A BIG  
RISK...  
GETTING  
YOUR  
FRIEND  
INVOLVED.

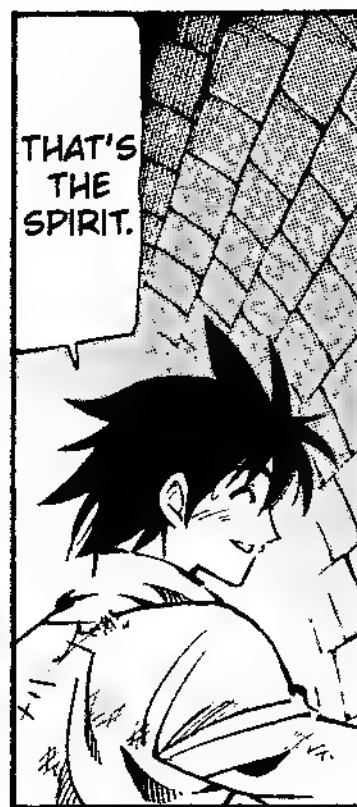






OH,  
THE  
LOOK  
ON HIS  
FACE!

I CAN'T  
WAIT TO  
PROVE HIM  
WRONG.



THAT'S  
THE  
SPIRIT.



SURE  
DID,  
RICH-  
ARD.

DID YOU  
DO YOUR  
ENGLISH  
HOME-  
WORK?

HELLO,  
DAR-  
REN.



JIRIRIRI  
(RING)

IN THE  
END, OUR  
WEEKEND  
SEARCH  
WAS  
FRUIT-  
LESS.

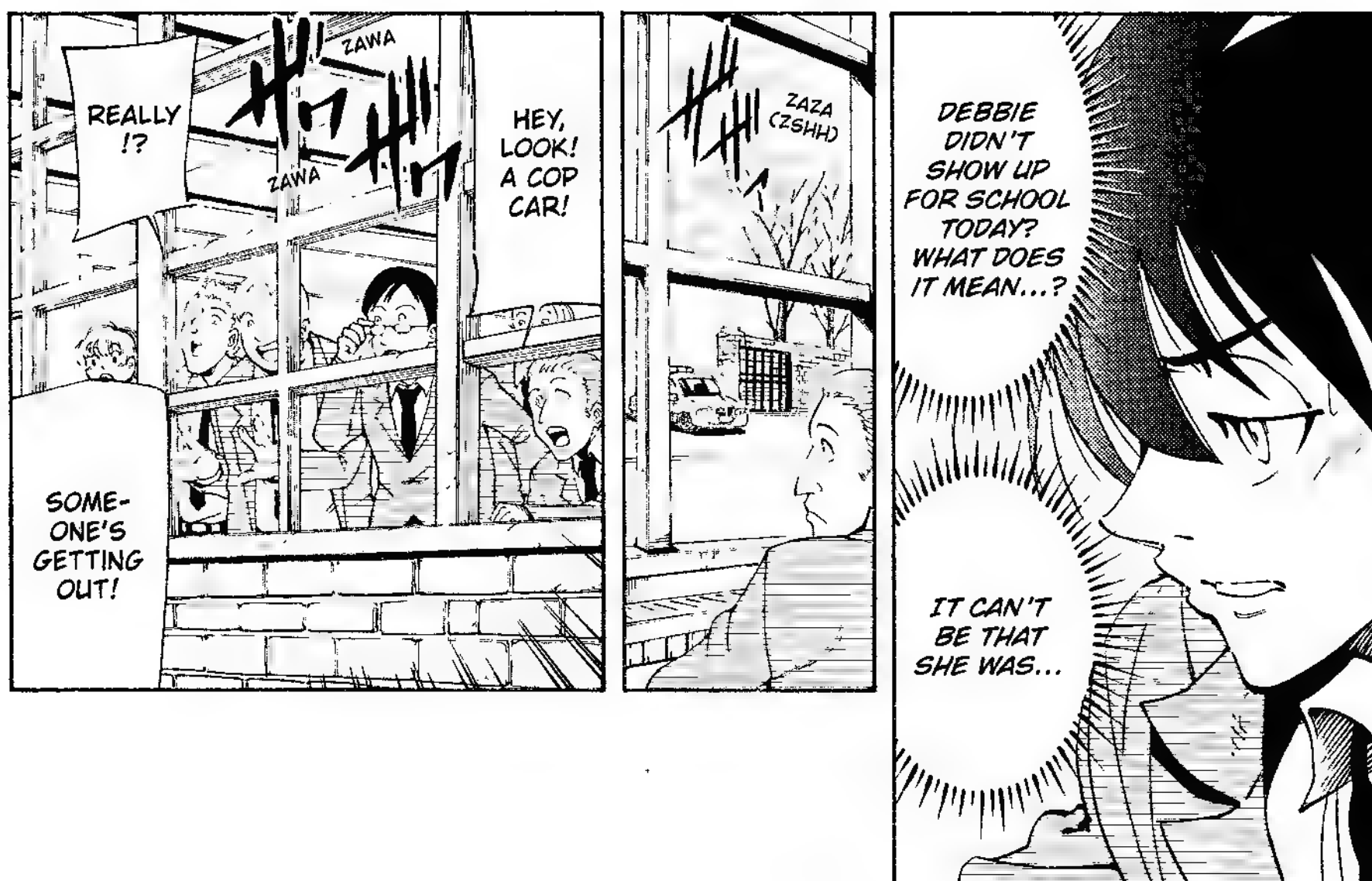


I HOPE  
DEBBIE'S  
ALL RIGHT.

I WANT  
TO SEE  
HER.

HA  
HA...

WHAT'S  
WRONG?  
YOU  
LOOK  
TIRED...





DEBBIE  
!!!



HUH?

WHY  
DID YOU  
TELL  
ME TO  
LEAVE?

DID YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
WAS GOING  
TO HAPPEN?



STOP,  
YOUNG  
MAN!

BA  
(CLEAP)



IF YOU  
DID, I'LL  
HATE YOU  
FOREVER...



MISS  
HEM-  
LOCK!

DA  
(CLEAP)





THE  
PEOPLE  
IN THE  
APART-  
MENTS  
NEXT TO  
MINE WERE  
KILLED. MR.  
AND MRS.  
WELLER,  
AND MR.  
PECK...

GATA  
GATA  
(SHIVER)



AND...?



I LEFT  
ON  
FRIDAY,  
WHEN  
YOU  
TOLD  
ME.

WH-  
WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?



CHECKED  
INTO A  
HOTEL,  
EVEN  
THOUGH I  
THOUGHT  
YOU WERE  
CRAZY.



AND...

!!



...THEIR  
BODIES  
WERE  
DRAINED  
OF  
BLOOD!



# DARREN SHAN MANGA

## ENGLISH SCANS

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HUH?

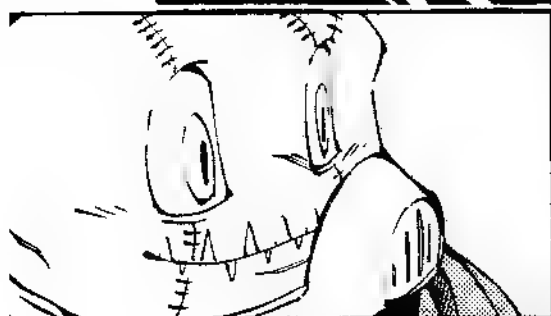
SO  
YOU AND  
DARREN  
WERE  
FRIENDS  
BEFORE  
THIS?

IN ALL  
MY LIFE,  
HE'S THE  
ONLY ONE  
I COULD  
REALLY  
CALL A  
TRUE  
FRIEND.

I GUESS  
YOU COULD  
SAY WE'RE  
DESTINED  
TO KEEP  
CROSSING  
PATHS.

FIFTEEN  
YEARS IS  
A LONG  
TIME TO  
GO  
WITHOUT  
SEEING  
SOMEONE.

WHY  
DO YOU  
ASK?



I GET  
THAT  
A LOT.

I  
DIDN'T  
TAKE  
YOU  
FOR  
THE  
TALK-  
ATIVE  
TYPE.

WELL,  
AREN'T  
YOU  
CHATTY  
?

## CHAPTER 71: A NEW KINDRED SPIRIT



TIME  
TO GET  
READY FOR  
ANOTHER  
EVENING OF  
VAMPANEZE  
HUNTING!

WELL,  
DARREN  
SHOULD  
BE MAKING  
HIS WAY  
BACK FROM  
SCHOOL  
SOON.





# CHAPTER 71: A NEW KINDRED SPIRIT



I  
NEED TO  
EXPLAIN  
THE  
TRUTH  
...



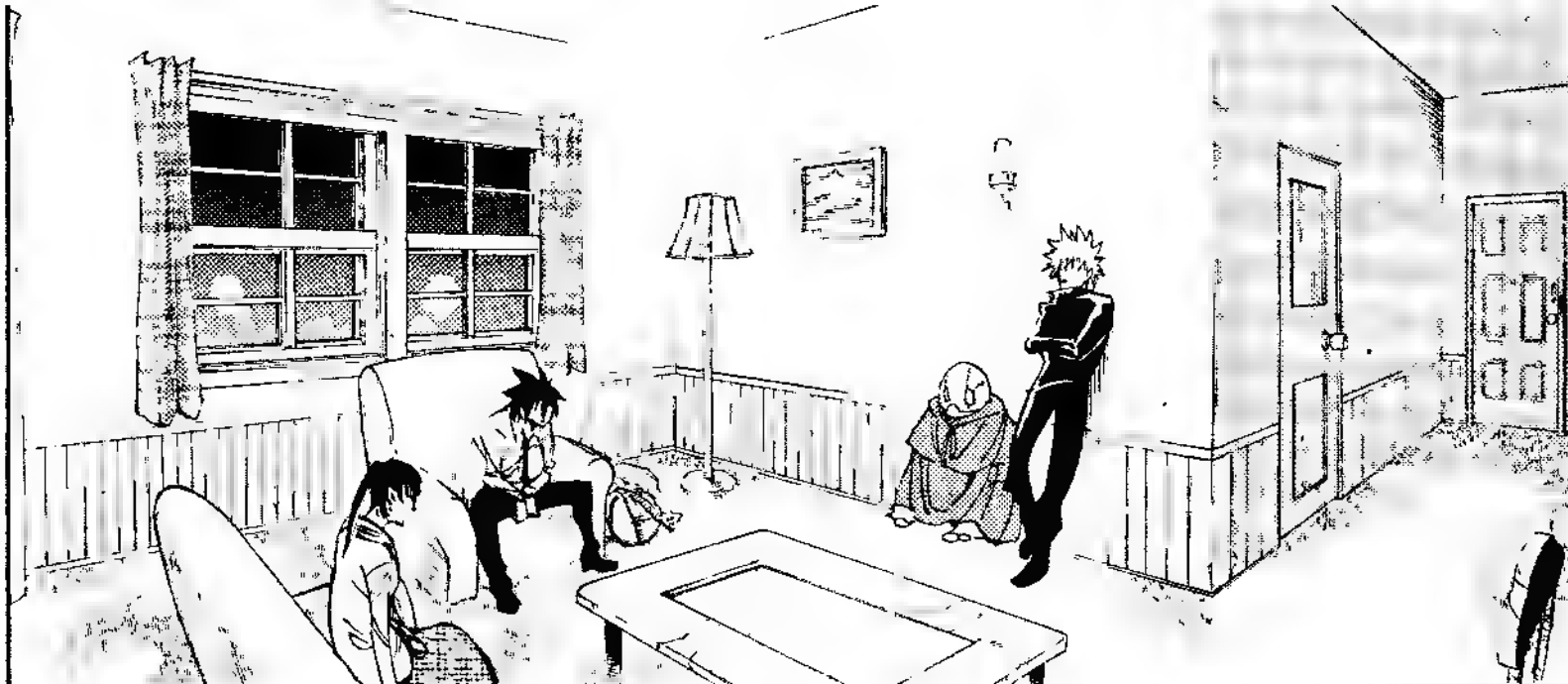
DON'T  
WORRY,  
THEY'RE  
FRIENDS.



I NEED  
TO EX-  
PLAIN IT  
ALL TO  
HER.

SORRY  
ABOUT  
THIS,  
YOU  
TWO.

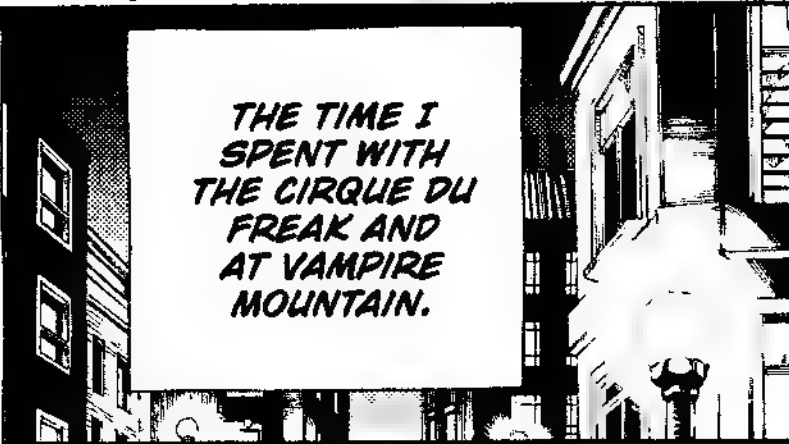






I'M A  
VAMPIRE,  
DEBBIE...

FINALLY, MY  
CURRENT  
JOURNEY AND  
HOW I CAME  
TO BE AT  
MAHLER'S...  
EVERYTHING  
THERE WAS  
TO TELL.



THE TIME I  
SPENT WITH  
THE CIRQUE DU  
FREAK AND  
AT VAMPIRE  
MOUNTAIN.

WHAT  
REALLY  
HAPPENED  
ON THAT  
CHRIST-  
MAS  
THIRTEEN  
YEARS  
AGO.

AND SO  
I TOLD  
MY TALE.  
HARKAT  
AND  
STEVE.



THE STORIES  
YOU TOLD ME  
BEFORE WERE  
FAR MORE  
BELIEVABLE  
THAN THIS  
NONSENSE!!

YOU  
CAN'T  
BE SE-  
RIOUS!

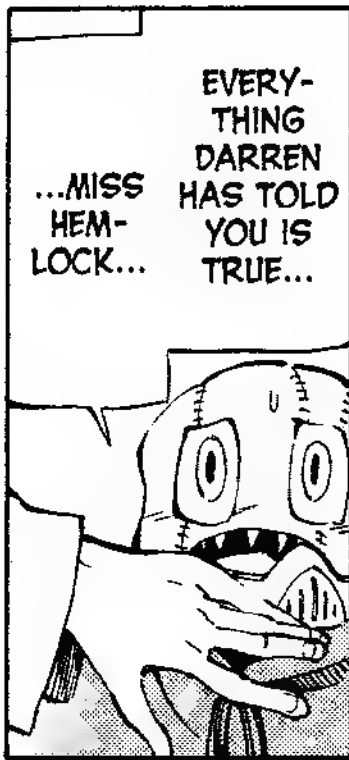


IT'S  
INSANE  
...



AND  
THAT'S  
EVERY-  
THING.  
I JUST  
HOPE  
YOU  
BELIEVE  
ME...





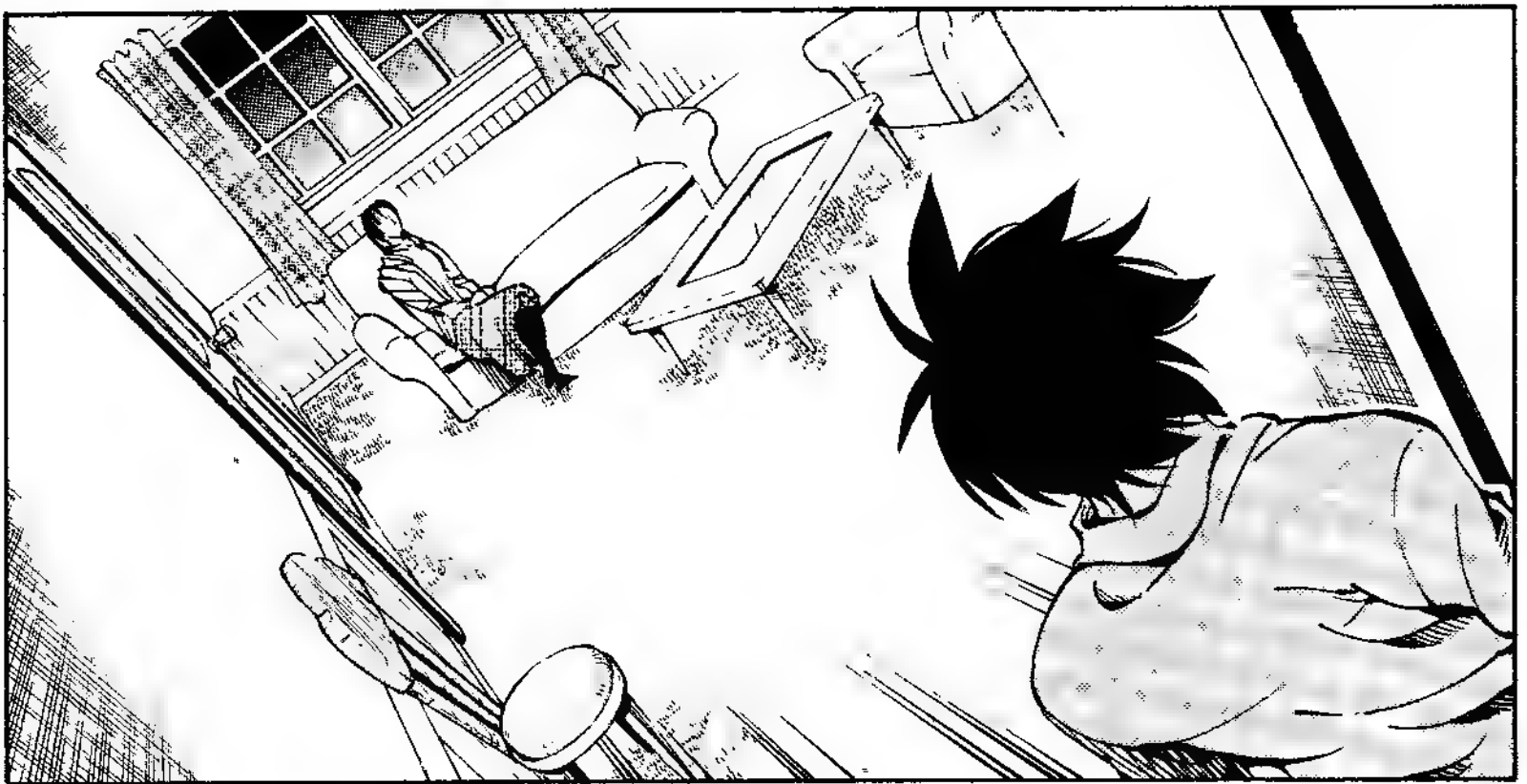
...MISS  
HEM-  
LOCK...

EVERY-  
THING  
DARREN  
HAS TOLD  
YOU IS  
TRUE...



A "VAM-  
PANEZE  
HUNTER"  
AND A  
GHOST?  
THIS ISN'T  
VERY  
FUNNY!

AND  
NOT  
JUST  
YOU,  
DARREN!



FU  
(FSHD)

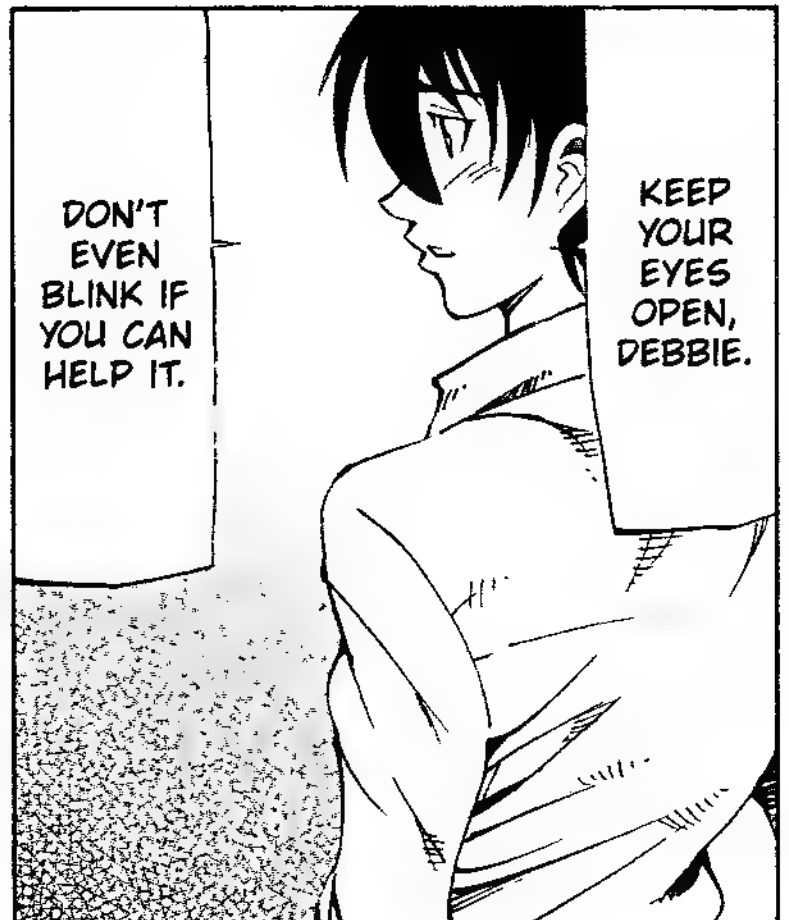
YOU'LL  
SEE.

OR  
RATHER,  
YOU  
WON'T.



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
GOING  
TO DO?

WAIT  
...



DON'T  
EVEN  
BLINK IF  
YOU CAN  
HELP IT.

KEEP  
YOUR  
EYES  
OPEN,  
DEBBIE.





I'M  
FASTER AND  
STRONGER  
THAN ANY  
HUMAN  
BEING...

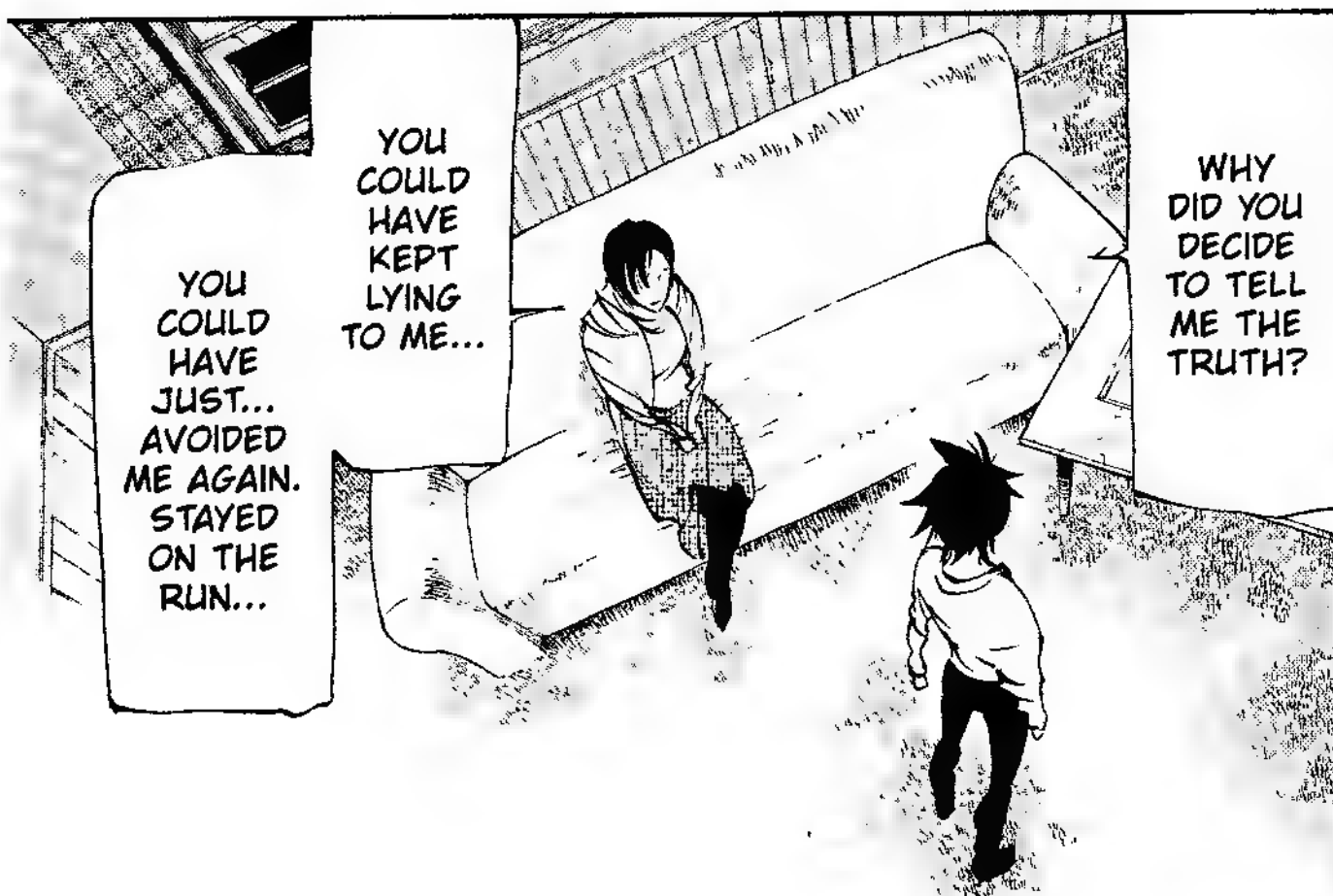
YOU'VE  
GOT THE  
IDEA! I'M  
A HALF-  
VAMPIRE.



HOW DID YOU  
DO THAT? YOU  
JUST...YOU  
WERE THERE...  
THEN YOU  
WERE HERE...  
THEN...



...AND  
I CAN  
LIVE  
FOR CENTU-  
RIES.



YOU  
COULD  
HAVE  
JUST...  
AVOIDED  
ME AGAIN.  
STAYED  
ON THE  
RUN...

YOU  
COULD  
HAVE  
KEPT  
LYING  
TO ME...

WHY  
DID YOU  
DECIDE  
TO TELL  
ME THE  
TRUTH?





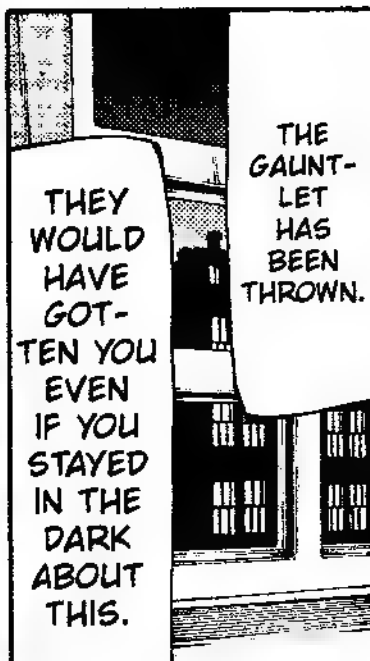


I DID  
IT TO  
PROTECT  
YOU.



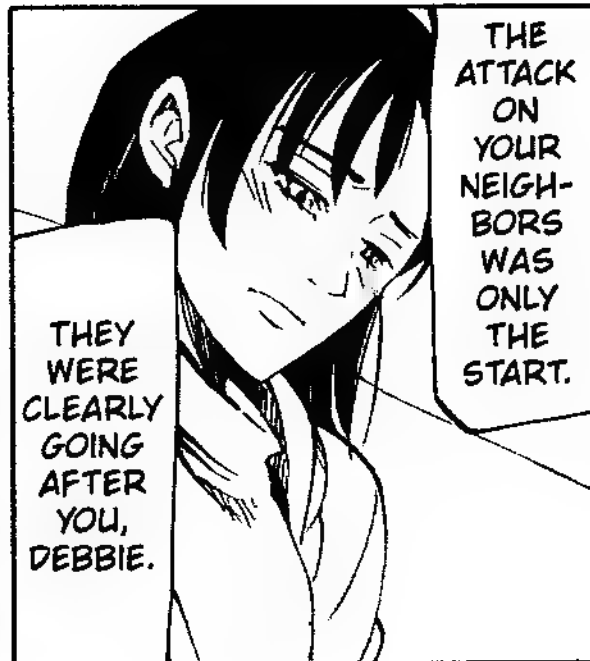
YOU'RE  
GUILTY OF  
NOTHING  
MORE THAN  
KNOWING  
ME...

I'M  
SORRY  
...



THEY  
WOULD  
HAVE  
GOT-  
TEN YOU  
EVEN  
IF YOU  
STAYED  
IN THE  
DARK  
ABOUT  
THIS.

THE  
GALINT-  
LET  
HAS  
BEEN  
THROWN.



THEY  
WERE  
CLEARLY  
GOING  
AFTER  
YOU,  
DEBBIE.

THE  
ATTACK  
ON  
YOUR  
NEIGH-  
BORS  
WAS  
ONLY  
THE  
START.



I  
TRUST  
YOU...

WELL,  
I'VE  
MADE  
UP MY  
MIND.

THANK  
YOU,  
DEBBIE!



HEH.



I COULD TELL  
THERE WAS  
SOMETHING  
DIFFERENT  
ABOUT  
YOU...

...WHEN WE  
FIRST MET  
THIRTEEN  
YEARS  
AGO...



WE HAVE TO  
TELL THE  
POLICE AND  
THE ARMY!  
THEY'LL...

BUT  
YOU'RE  
PUTTING  
YOUR-  
SELVES  
IN DAN-  
GER!

AND  
HOW  
WILL  
YOU  
CON-  
VINCE  
THEM?



LOOKING  
FOR THE  
VAM-  
PANEZE.

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
NOW?



DON'T  
WORRY,  
WE WON'T  
LET THEM  
KILL ANY  
MORE IN  
THIS—

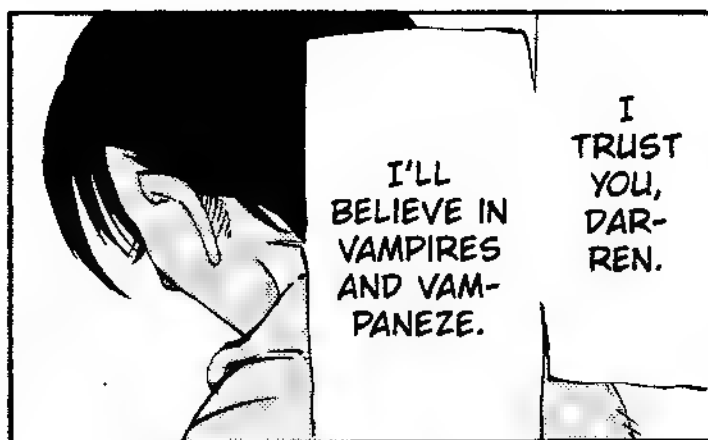
WE GO INTO  
THE SEWERS  
BY DAY TO  
TRACK THEM  
DOWN.



...



THEY  
WON'T  
BELIEVE  
YOU.  
THEY'LL  
THINK  
YOU'RE  
CRAZY.



I'LL  
BELIEVE IN  
VAMPIRES  
AND VAM-  
PANEZE.

I  
TRUST  
YOU,  
DAR-  
REN.



MAYBE  
MOVE OUT  
OF THE  
CITY FOR  
A FEW  
WEEKS,  
UNTIL IT'S  
OVER?

SO YOU SEE  
WHY YOU NEED  
TO STAY AWAY  
FROM YOUR  
APARTMENT,  
RIGHT?

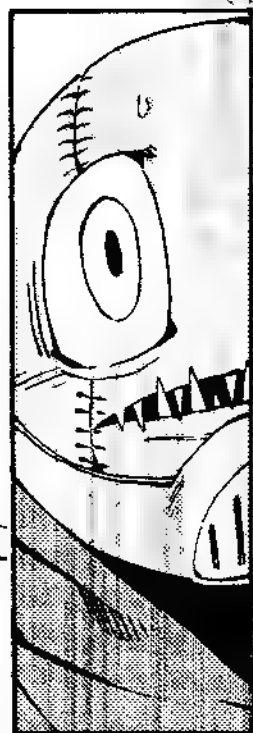


BUT  
IF YOU  
THINK I'M  
RUNNING  
AWAY,  
YOU'RE  
KIDDING  
YOURSELF.

HUH  
?



I'M  
STAYING  
TO  
FIGHT!!



I'LL HELP  
YOU FIND  
AND KILL THE  
VAMPANEZE!



WH-WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT!?

NOT  
YOU  
TOO,  
HARKAT!



YOU GOT  
HER INTO  
THIS. YOU  
CAN'T  
CONTROL  
PEOPLE  
ONCE...YOU  
INVOLVE  
THEM.

THESE  
ARE VAM-  
PANEZE  
WE'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT!



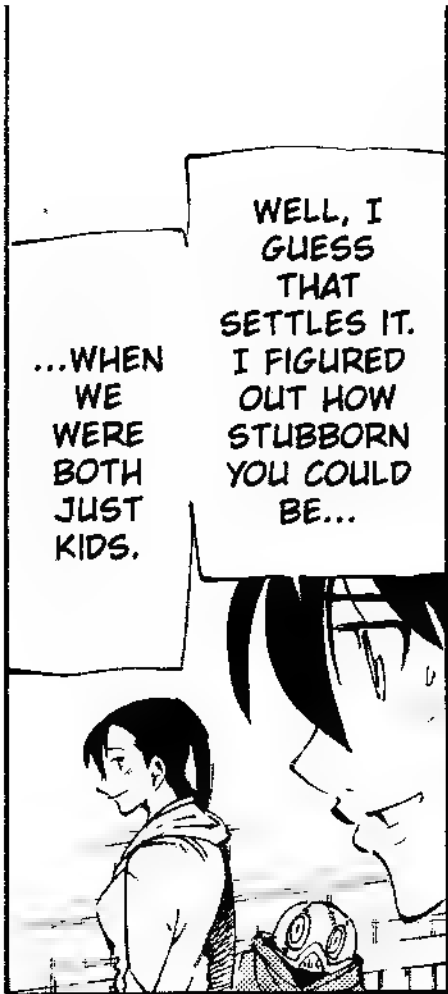
HAVEN'T  
YOU BEEN  
LISTEN-  
ING,  
DEBBIE  
!?

WE COULD  
DO WITH  
ANOTHER  
PAIR OF  
LEGS DOWN  
THERE. IF  
SHE HAS  
THE GUTS  
FOR IT, I  
SAY WE  
GIVE HER  
A TRY.



I THINK  
IT'S A  
GOOD  
IDEA!





...WHEN WE WERE BOTH JUST KIDS.

WELL, I GUESS THAT SETTLES IT. I FIGURED OUT HOW STUBBORN YOU COULD BE...



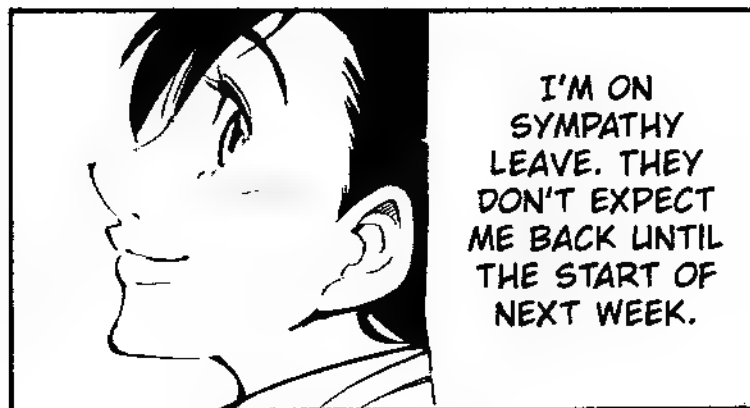
NICE WORK!

GU (THUMBS UP)



...WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL?

B-BUT, DEBBIE...



I'M ON SYMPATHY LEAVE. THEY DON'T EXPECT ME BACK UNTIL THE START OF NEXT WEEK.



DON'T WORRY. I'LL MAKE SURE NOT TO CAUSE TROUBLE...

HA HA...



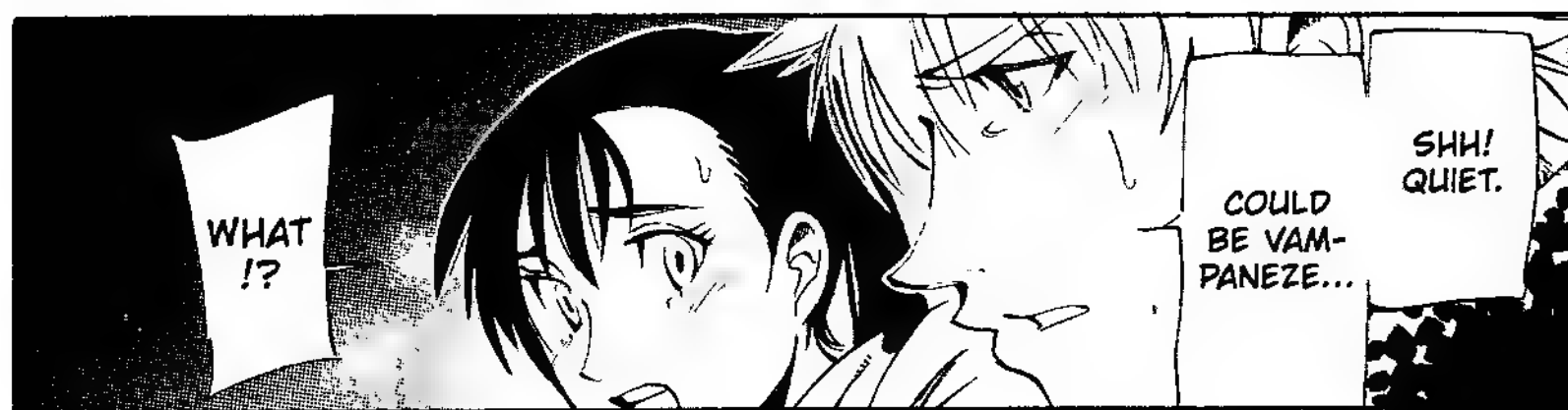
DID WE LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN?

KII (CREAK)

HUH?

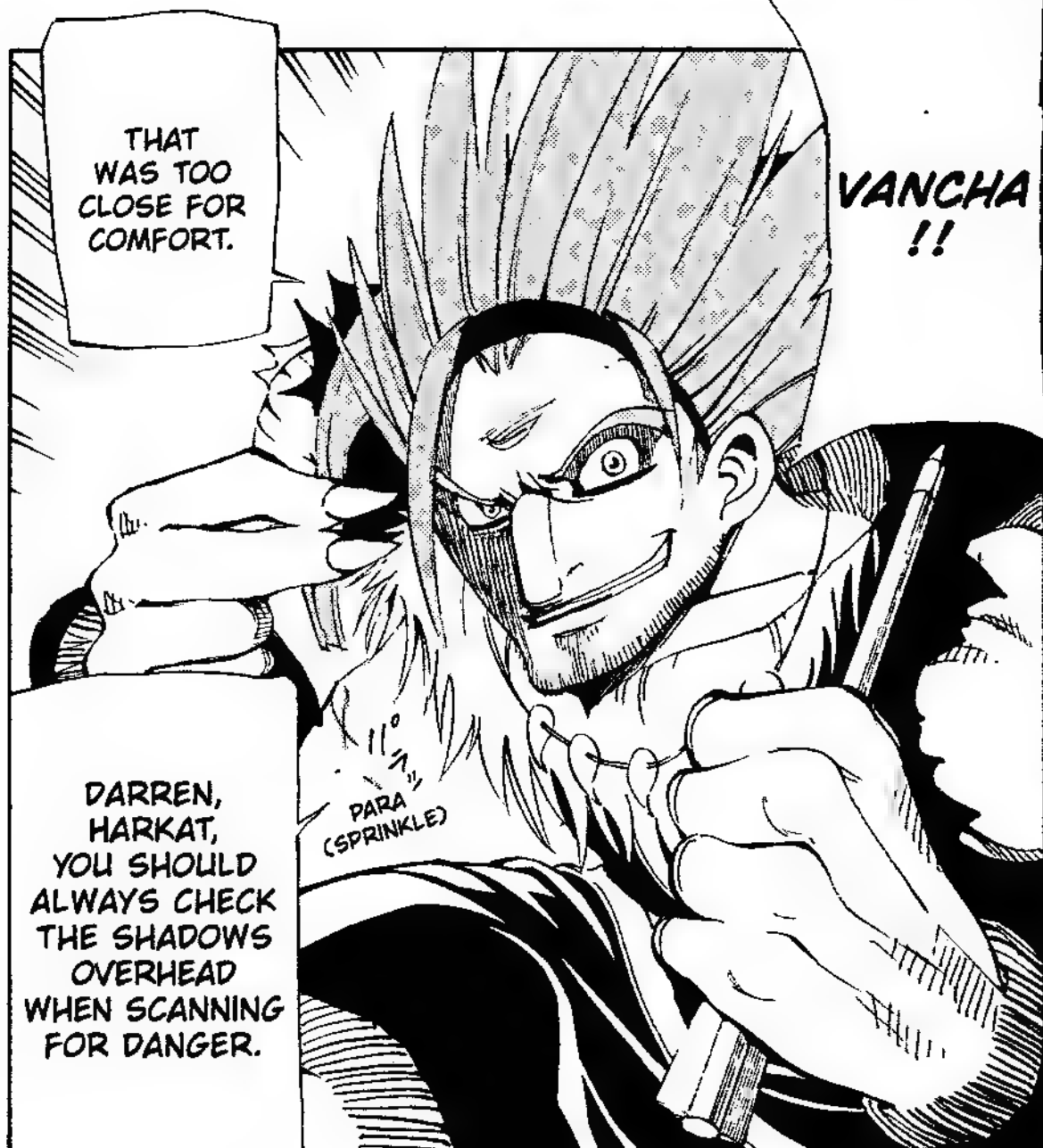


HYUUH (WHOOSH)









THAT  
WAS TOO  
CLOSE FOR  
COMFORT.

VANCHA  
!!

DARREN,  
HARKAT,  
YOU SHOULD  
ALWAYS CHECK  
THE SHADOWS  
OVERHEAD  
WHEN SCANNING  
FOR DANGER.

PARA  
(SPRINKLE)



I-IS  
THAT  
YOU?

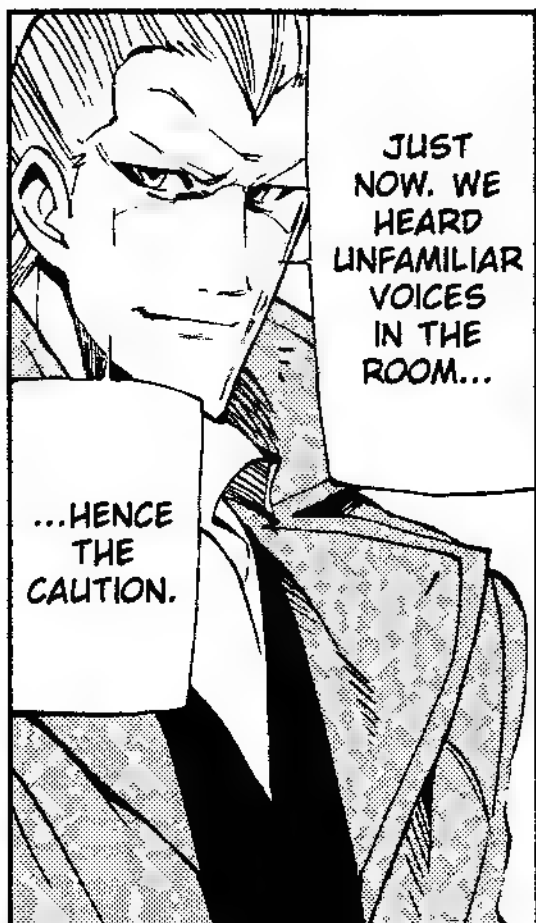


WHEN  
DID YOU  
GET  
BACK?



I HAVE  
FINALLY  
RETURNED,  
DARREN.

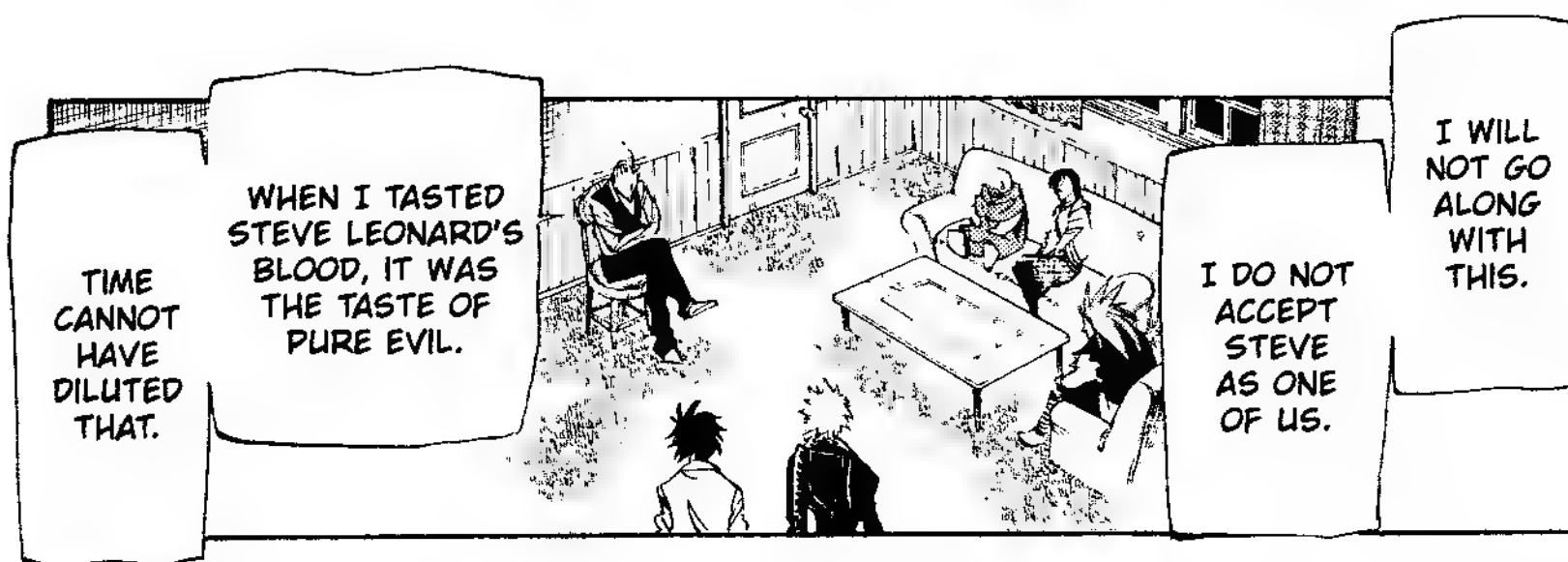
MR.  
CREPS-  
LEY!

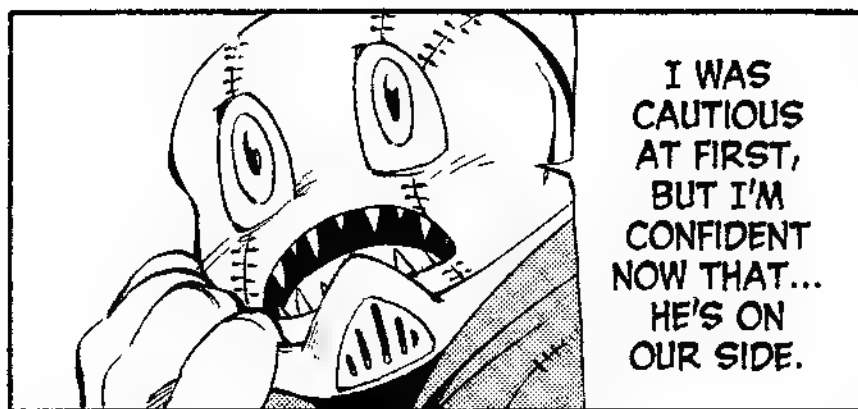


JUST  
NOW. WE  
HEARD  
UNFAMILIAR  
VOICES  
IN THE  
ROOM...

...HENCE  
THE  
CAUTION.







I WAS  
CAUTIOUS  
AT FIRST,  
BUT I'M  
CONFIDENT  
NOW THAT...  
HE'S ON  
OUR SIDE.



...  
DAR-  
REN,  
HAR-  
THANKS. KAT  
...



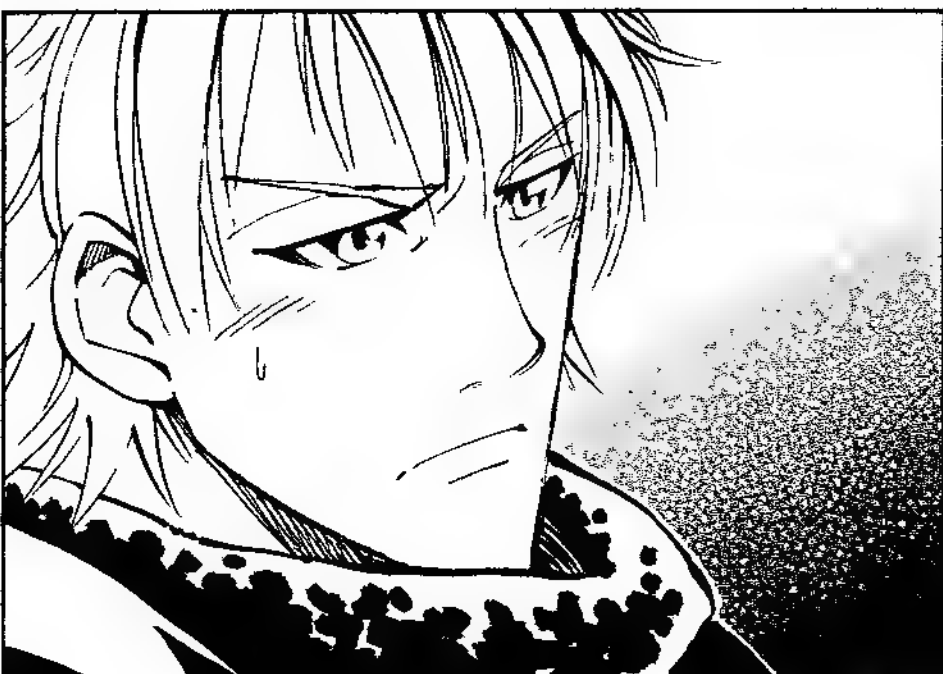
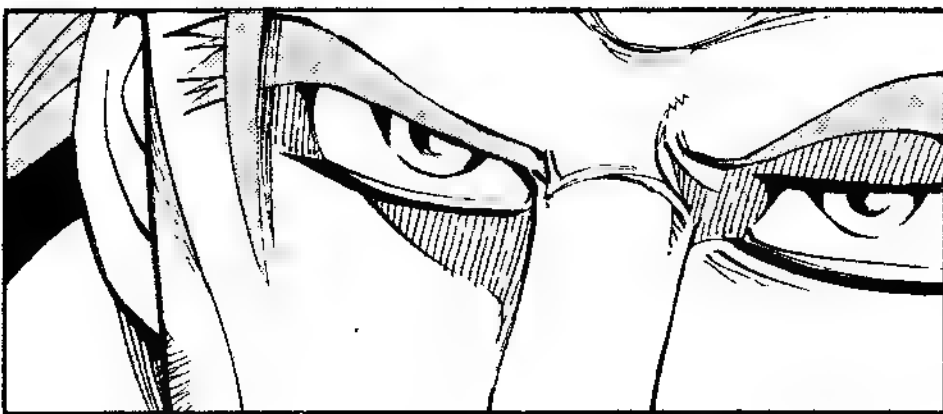
MOST  
OF ALL,  
STEVE'S  
MY  
FRIEND.

I'LL  
VOUCH  
FOR  
HIM!



...  
FIFTEEN  
YEARS  
AGO.

I SAY WE  
SHOULD TEST  
HIS BLOOD  
AGAIN, AS  
I DID...

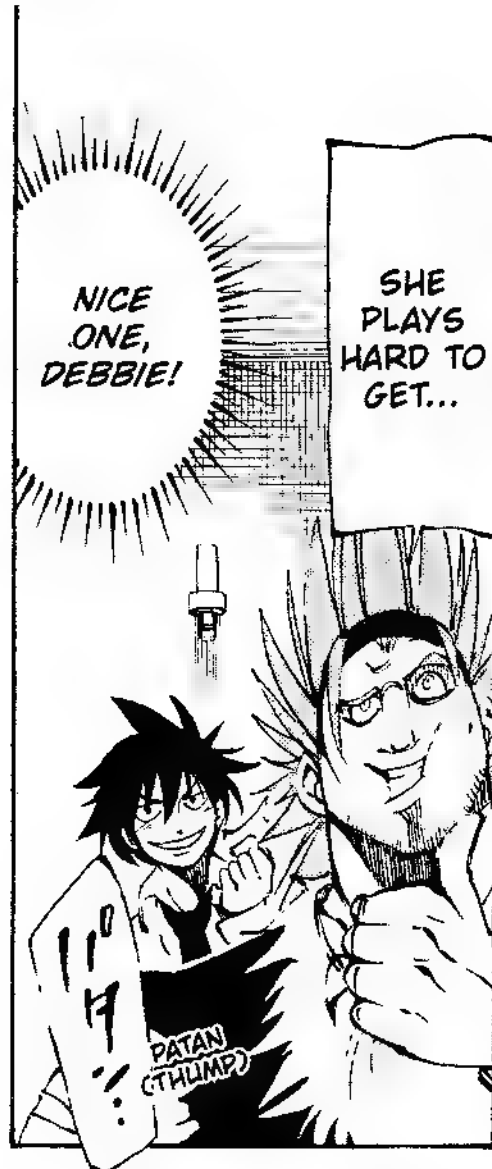


VANCHA  
WILL DO  
IT THIS  
TIME.

HE  
WILL SEE  
THAT I AM  
TELLING  
THE TRUTH.

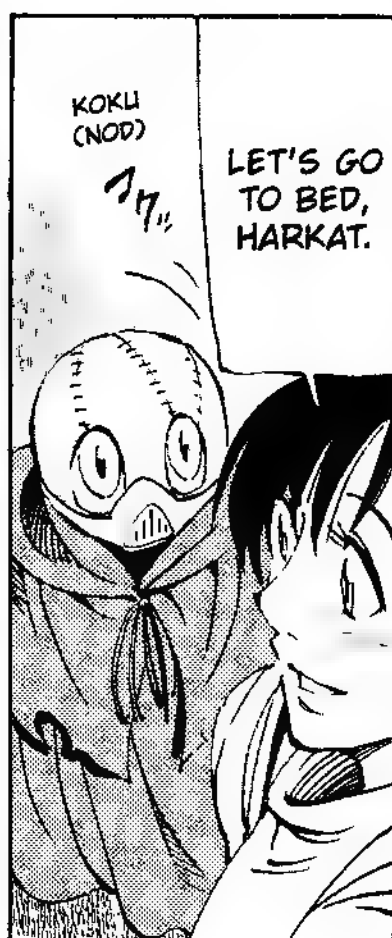






NICE  
ONE,  
DEBBIE!

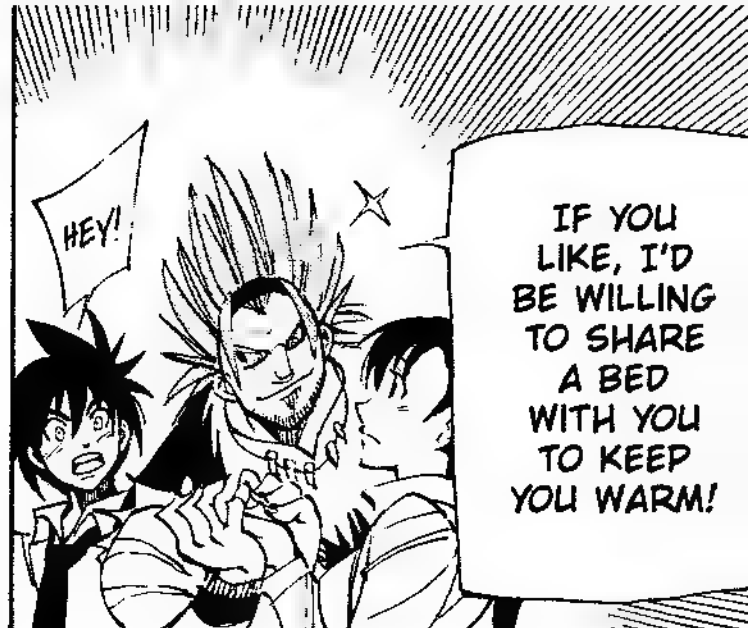
SHE  
PLAYS  
HARD TO  
GET...



KOKU  
(NOD)

17

LET'S GO  
TO BED,  
HARKAT.



HEY!

IF YOU  
LIKE, I'D  
BE WILLING  
TO SHARE  
A BED  
WITH YOU  
TO KEEP  
YOU WARM!



...  
WITH AN  
ORANG-  
UTAN.

THANKS,  
BUT I'D  
RATHER  
SLEEP...



HUH?

DON'T BIDE  
YOUR TIME  
TOO LONG,  
DARREN.

BUT SHE  
LIKES ME.  
I CAN  
TELL.



GAH

HA HA HA

THEY  
ALWAYS  
PLAY HARD  
TO GET  
WHEN THEY  
LIKE ME!!



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THE  
SEWERS ARE  
TOO LARGE. WE  
HAVEN'T FOUND  
ANYTHING BUT  
DEAD RATS...

SLIP-  
PERY  
BUG-  
GERS.

ANOTHER  
FRUITLESS  
DAY OF  
SEARCHING  
FOR THE  
VAMPANEZE  
...

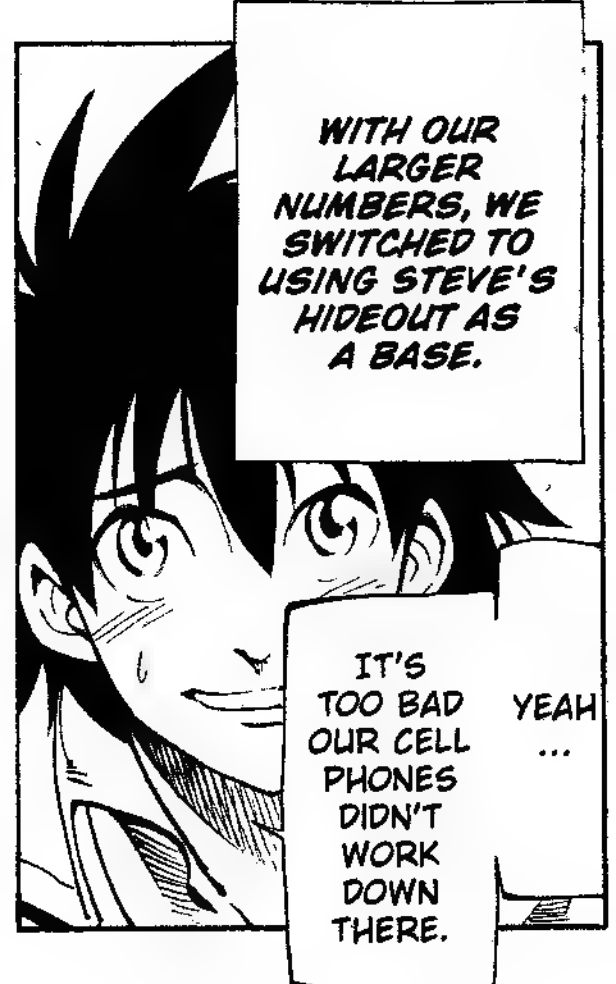
## CHAPTER 72: FURTHER VICTIMS



I'M NOT  
ONE FOR  
TECH-  
NOLOGY!

HE  
BUSTED  
THIS  
ONE IN  
A SEC-  
OND.

YOU NEED  
TO TEACH  
VANCH  
HOW TO  
HANDLE  
A PHONE,  
DARREN.



WITH OUR  
LARGER  
NUMBERS, WE  
SWITCHED TO  
USING STEVE'S  
HIDEOUT AS  
A BASE.

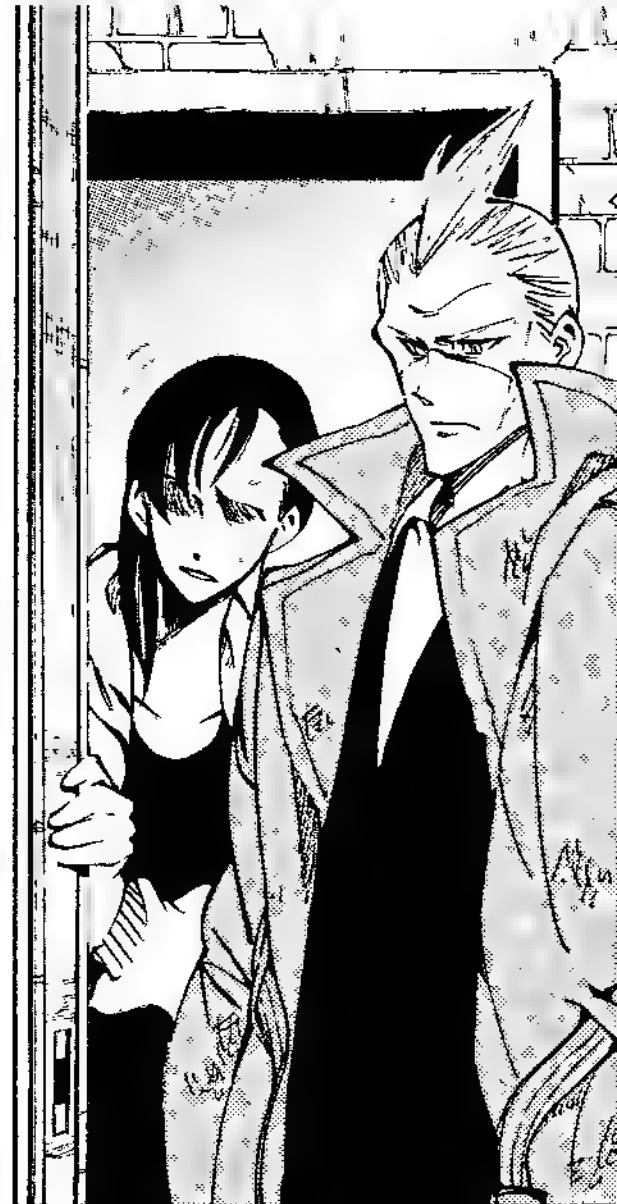
IT'S  
TOO BAD  
OUR CELL  
PHONES  
DIDN'T  
WORK  
DOWN  
THERE.

YEAH  
...



ARE MR.  
CREPSLEY  
AND DEBBIE  
STILL OUT?

GACHA...  
(CLICK)





YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
COME  
WITH  
US.

YOU  
COULD  
COORDI-  
NATE THE  
SEARCH  
FROM  
HERE.



BUT  
STEVE  
ISN'T A  
VAMPIRE.

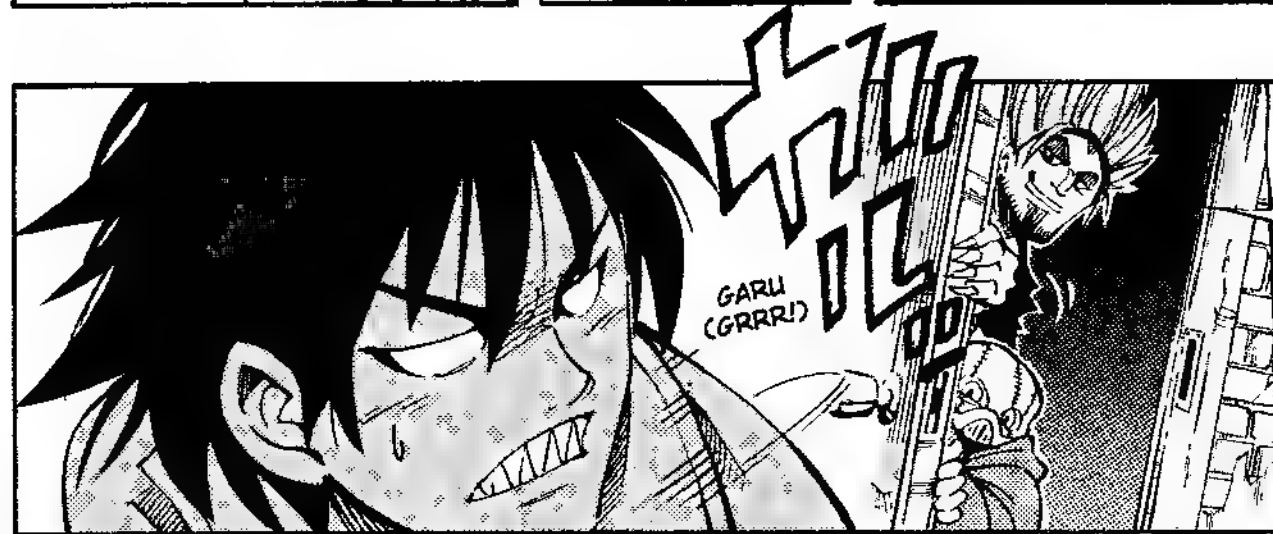
HE  
WORKS  
OUT.  
YEARS OF  
PRACTICE.



HOW DO  
YOU DO IT,  
DARREN?  
NIGHT  
AFTER  
NIGHT...



WE'RE  
STRONGER  
THAN  
HUMANS.  
I TRIED  
TELLING  
YOU THAT  
BEFORE,  
BUT YOU  
WOULDN'T  
LISTEN.



DEBBIE?  
DID YOU NEED  
ANY HELP  
PATCHING UP?  
I COULD...



SLEEP  
TIGHT.

GOOD  
NIGHT,  
DEBBIE.

SEE YOU  
TOMOR-  
ROW,  
DARREN.



OKAY.

.....



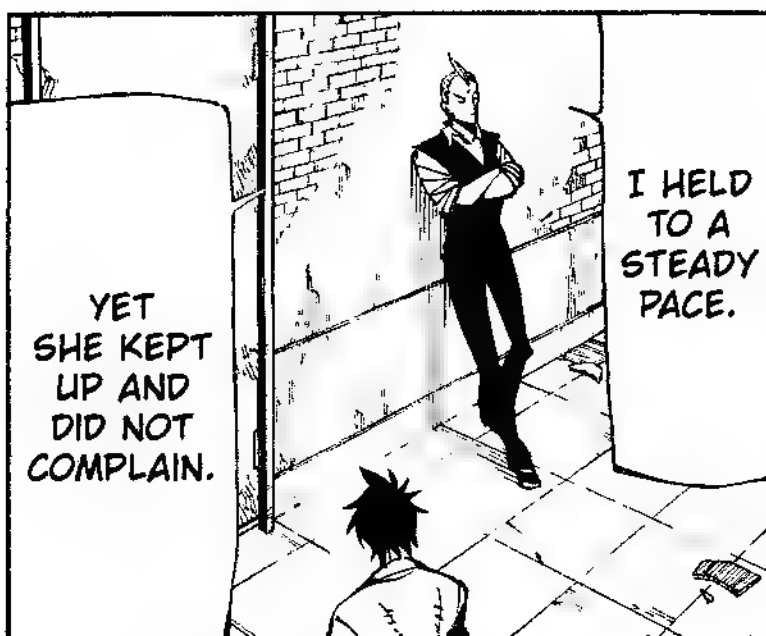
HE  
DOESN'T  
KNOW  
WHEN  
TO GIVE  
UP...

HEH!  
JUST  
KIDDING,  
JUST  
KIDDING!



I'LL BE  
FINE. I  
SAID I'D  
DO IT, AND  
I WILL.





YET  
SHE KEPT  
UP AND  
DID NOT  
COMPLAIN.

I HELD  
TO A  
STEADY  
PACE.

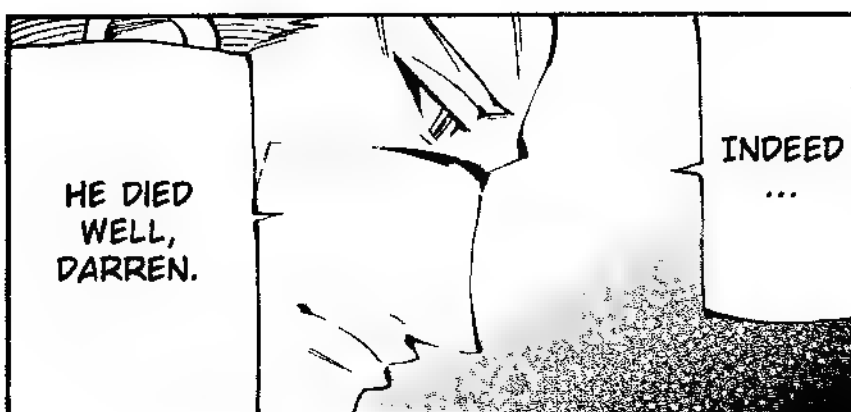


MR.  
CREPS-  
LEY...

HAVE NO  
FEAR. SHE  
WILL MAKE  
IT.

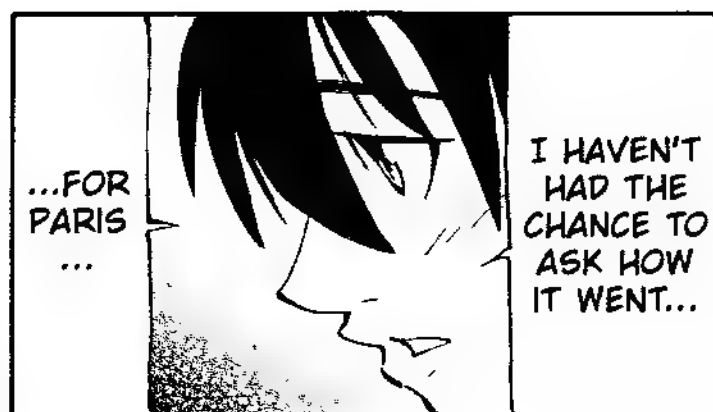


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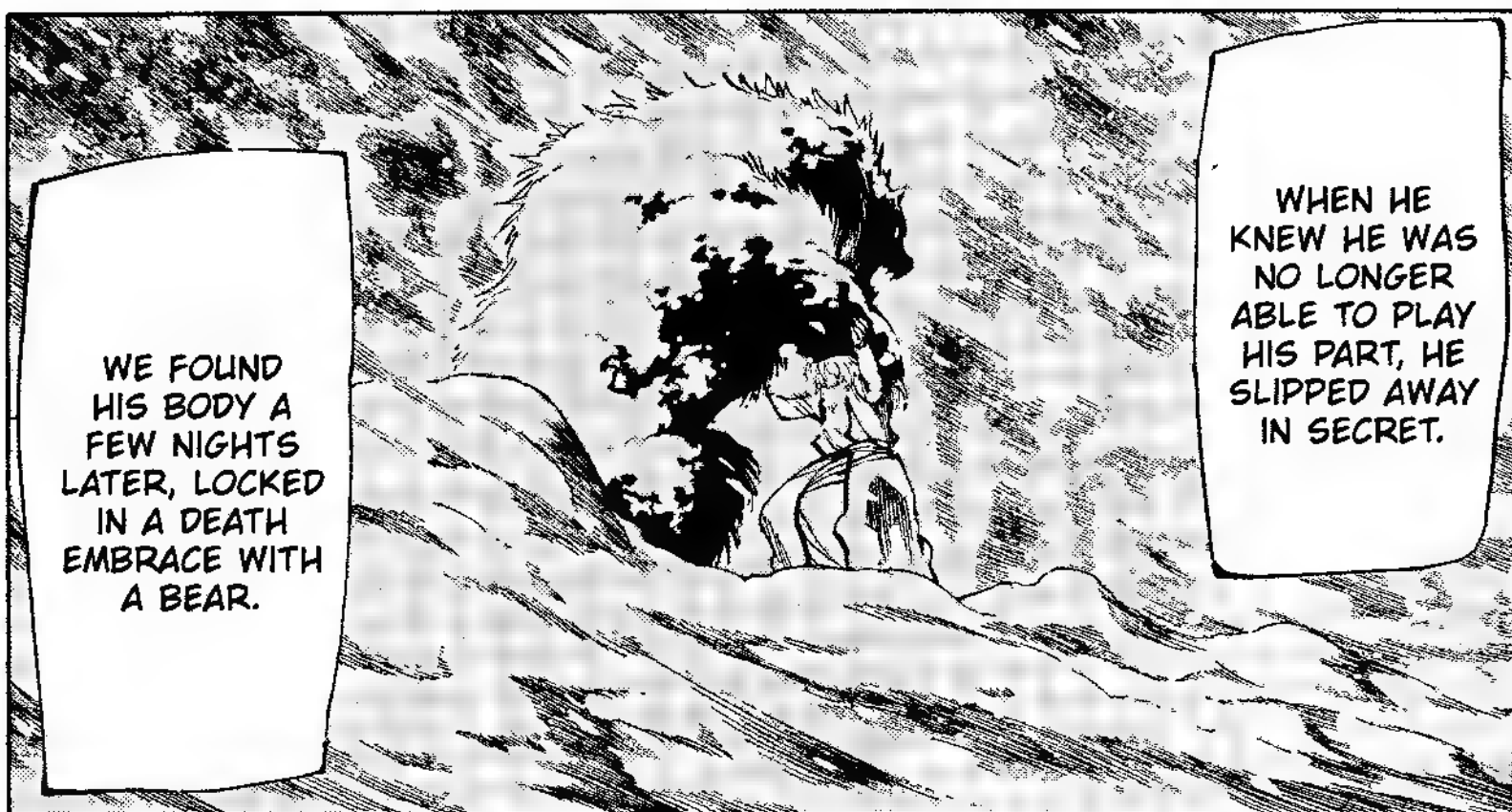
HE DIED  
WELL,  
DARREN.

INDEED  
...



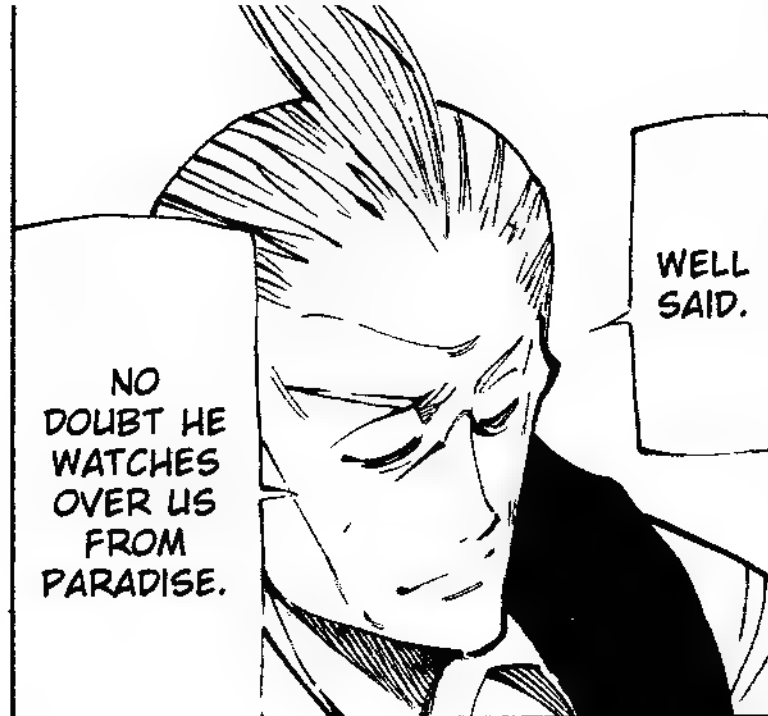
...FOR  
PARIS  
...

I HAVEN'T  
HAD THE  
CHANCE TO  
ASK HOW  
IT WENT...

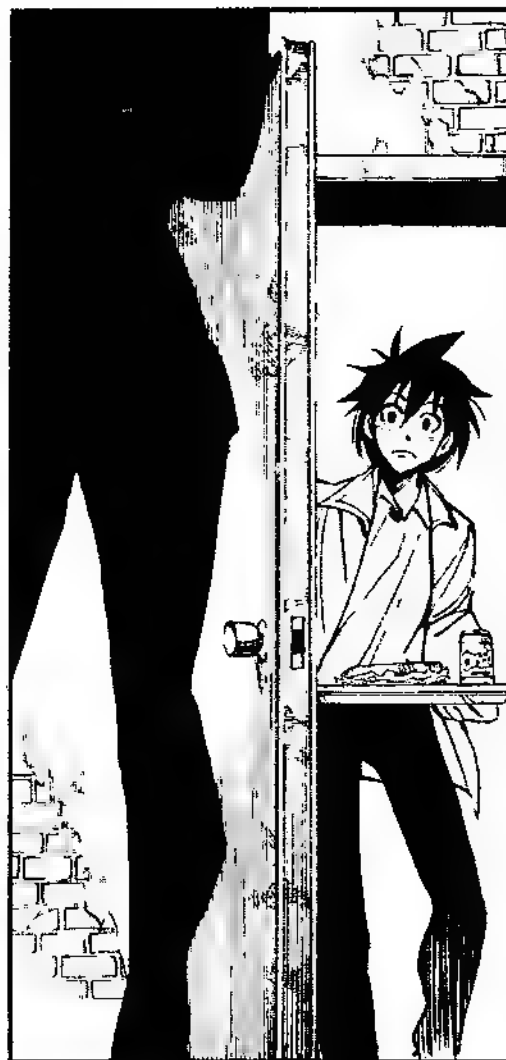


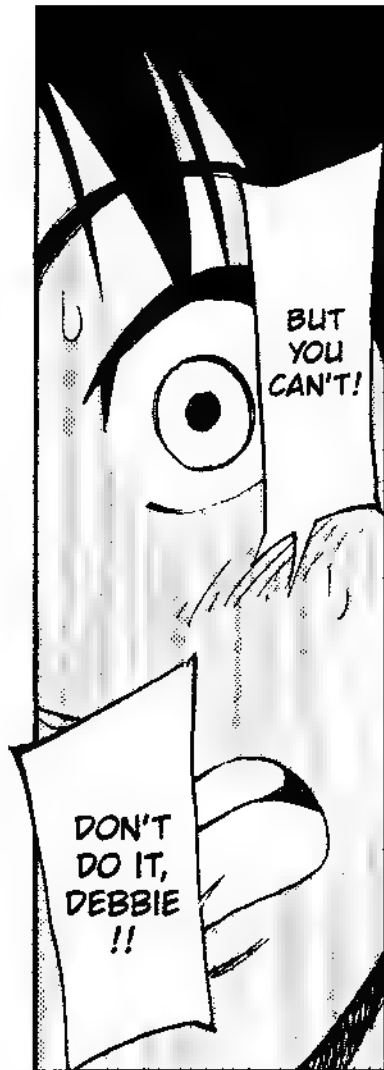
WE FOUND  
HIS BODY A  
FEW NIGHTS  
LATER, LOCKED  
IN A DEATH  
EMBRACE WITH  
A BEAR.

WHEN HE  
KNEW HE WAS  
NO LONGER  
ABLE TO PLAY  
HIS PART, HE  
SLIPPED AWAY  
IN SECRET.



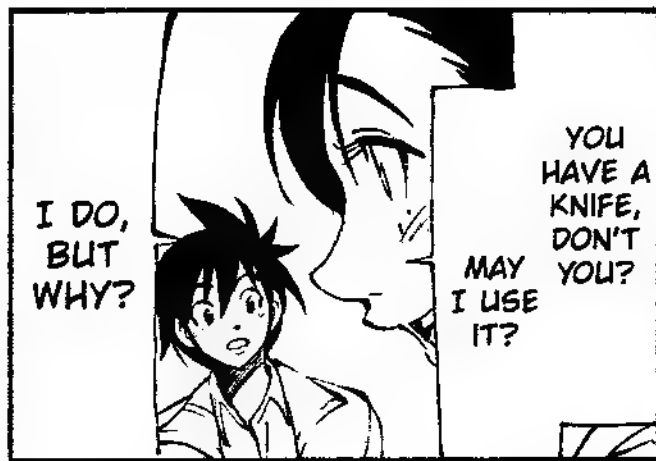
WELL SAID.





BUT  
YOU  
CAN'T!

DON'T  
DO IT,  
DEBBIE  
!!



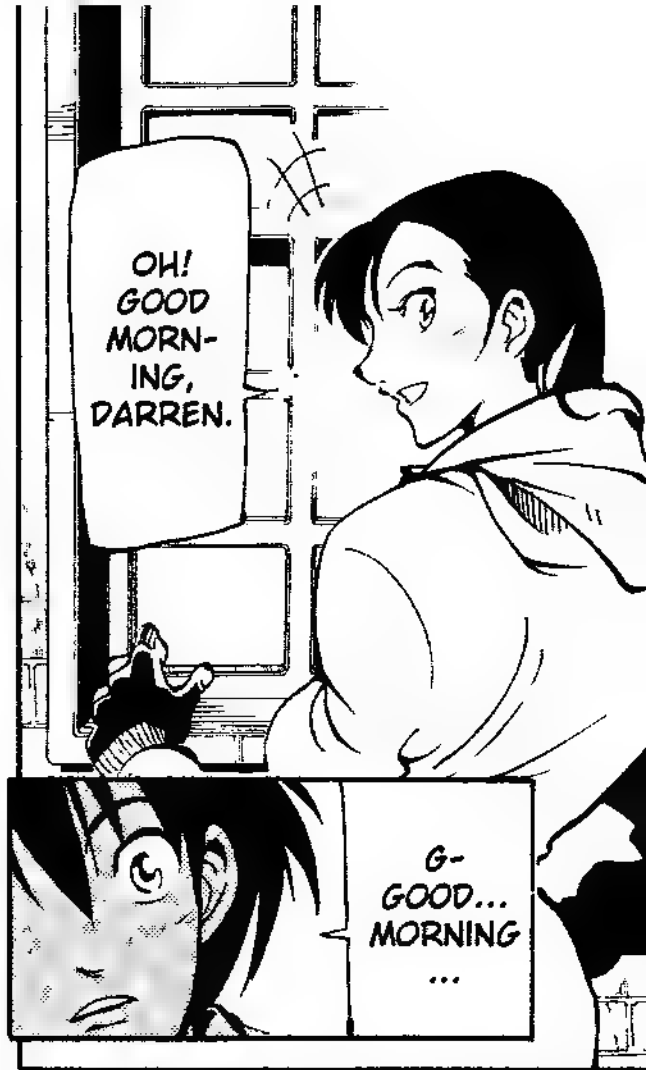
I DO,  
BUT  
WHY?

YOU  
HAVE A  
KNIFE,  
DON'T  
YOU?  
MAY  
I USE  
IT?

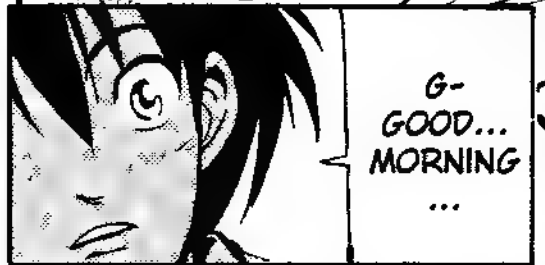


H-  
HEY!

JUST  
HAND  
IT  
OVER.



OH!  
GOOD  
MORN-  
ING,  
DARREN.

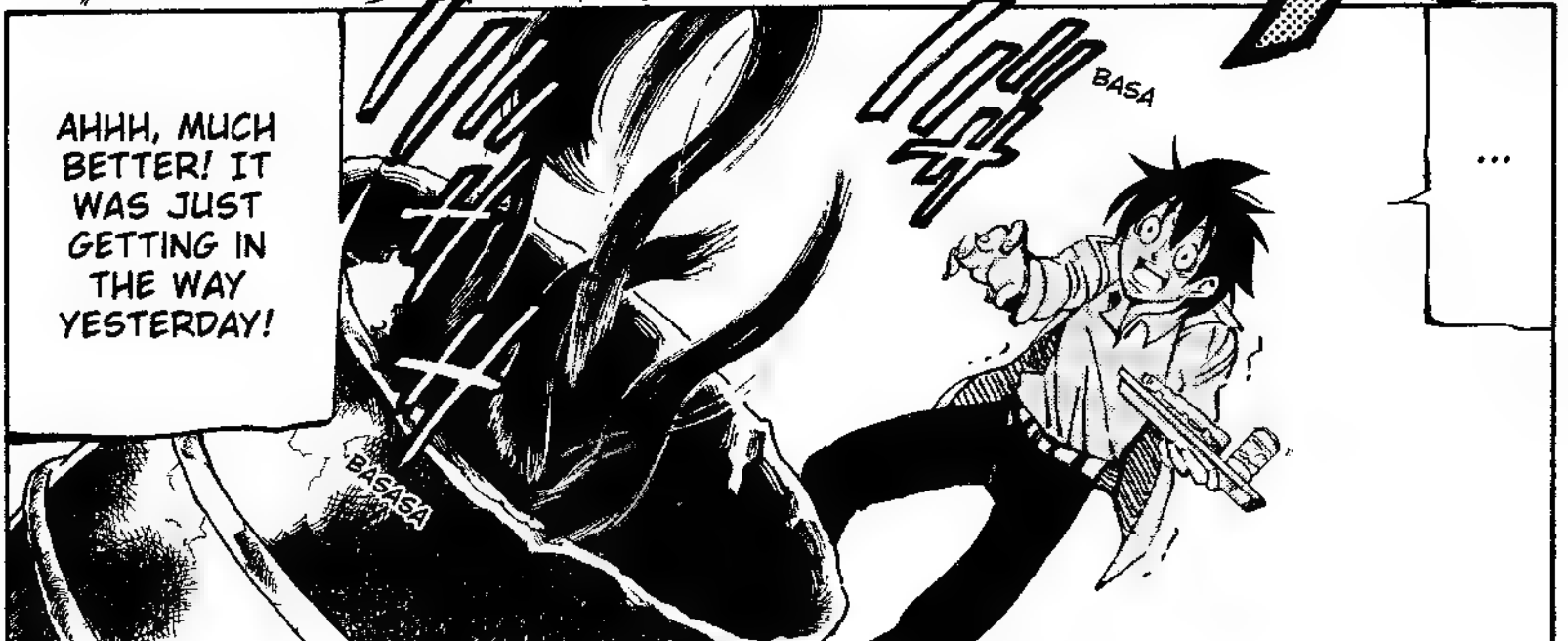


G-  
GOOD...  
MORNING  
...



N  
O  
O  
O  
O  
O  
!!!

BASA  
(SLICE)



AHHH, MUCH  
BETTER! IT  
WAS JUST  
GETTING IN  
THE WAY  
YESTERDAY!

BASA

...





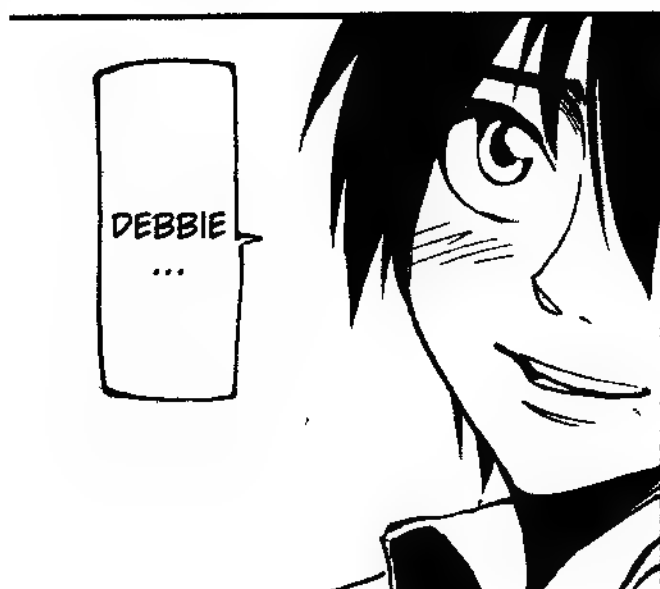
LIKE THE  
DEBBIE I  
REMEM-  
BER.

HA  
HA...

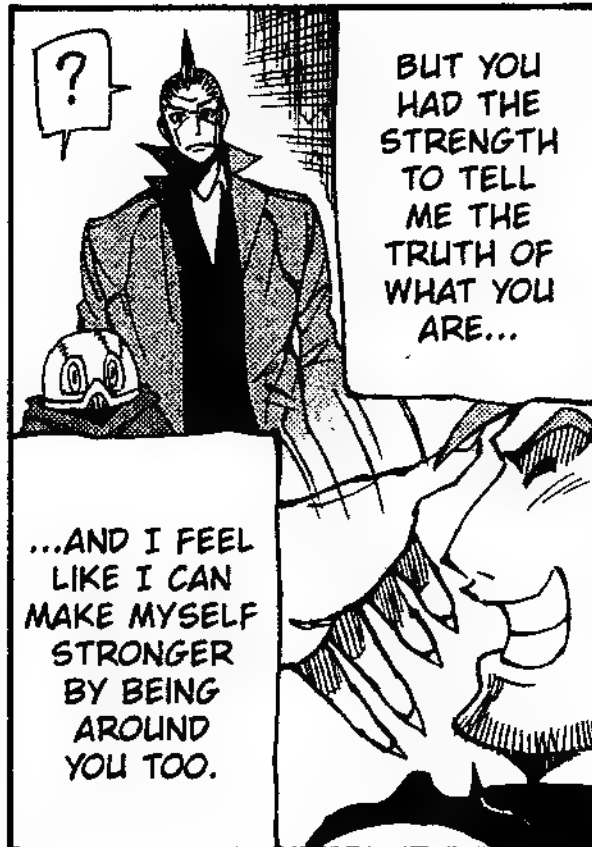
HOW  
DO I  
LOOK?



I'M  
TIRED OF  
BEING LEFT  
BEHIND, ALL  
ALONE!



DEBBIE  
...



?

BUT YOU  
HAD THE  
STRENGTH  
TO TELL  
ME THE  
TRUTH OF  
WHAT YOU  
ARE...

...AND I FEEL  
LIKE I CAN  
MAKE MYSELF  
STRONGER  
BY BEING  
AROUND  
YOU TOO.



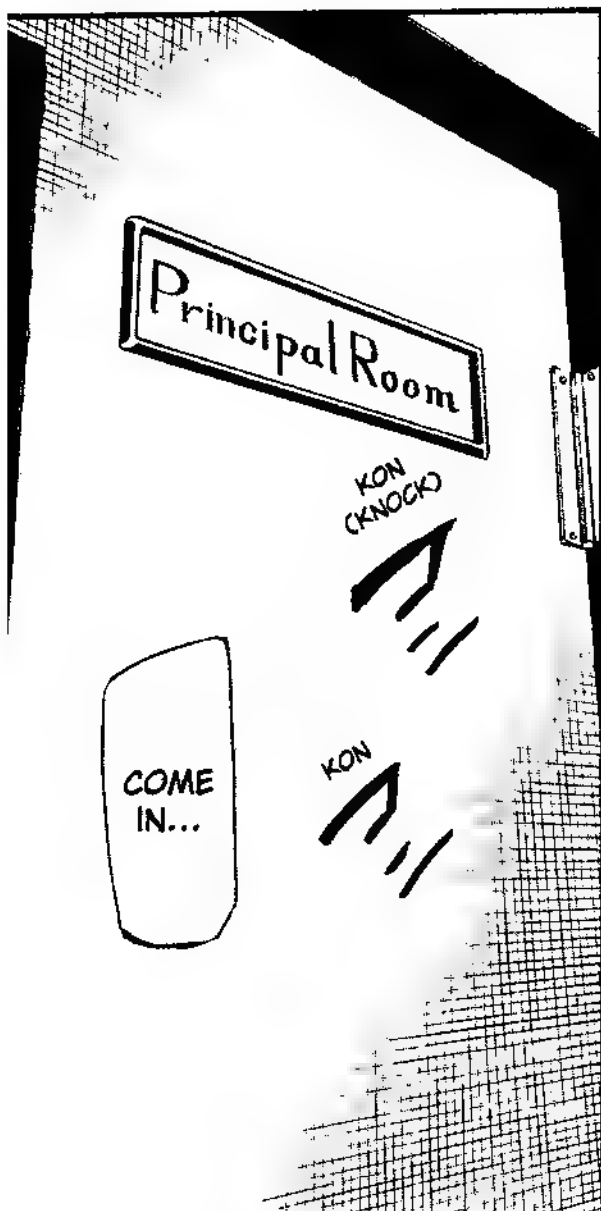
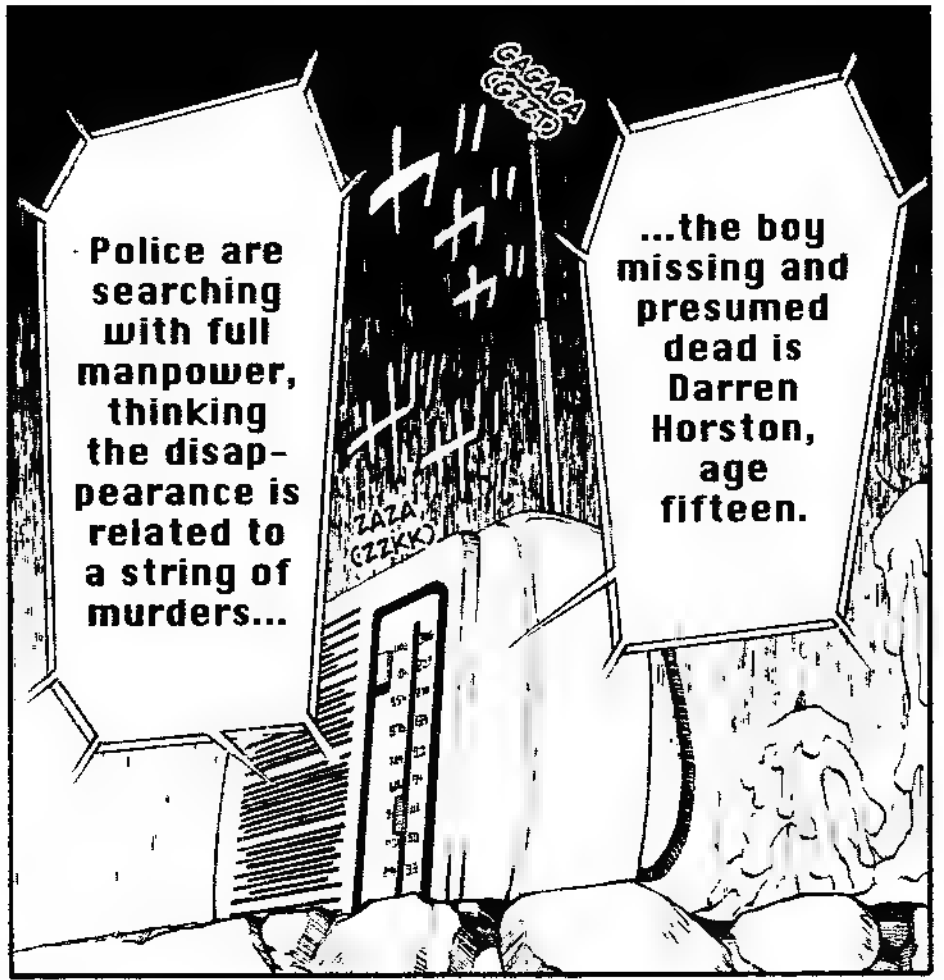
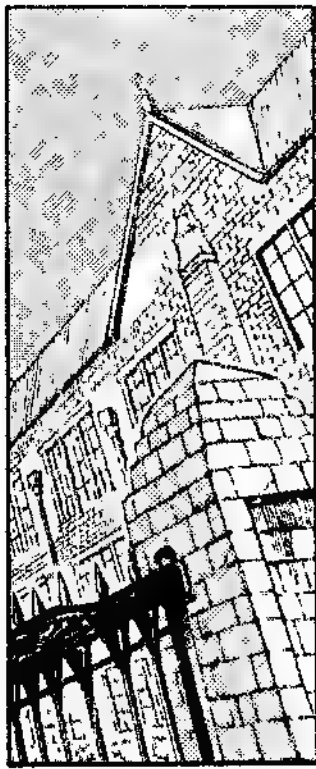
THERE'S A  
PART OF ME  
THAT STILL  
REALLY LIKES  
YOU, DARREN,  
AND A PART  
OF ME THAT  
DOESN'T WANT  
TO ADMIT IT.

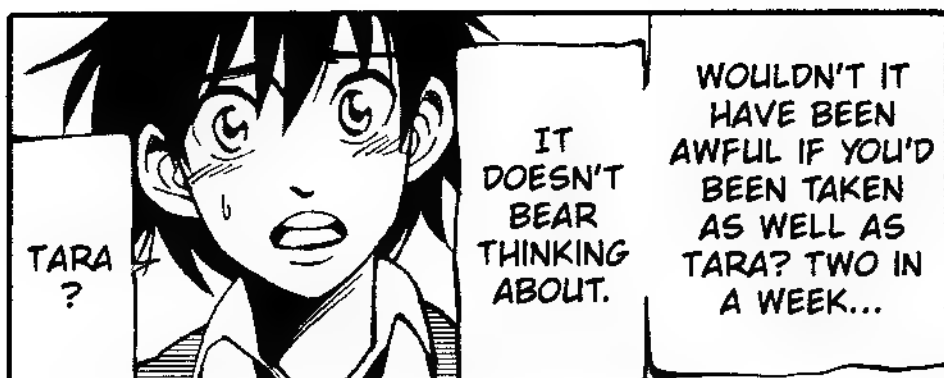
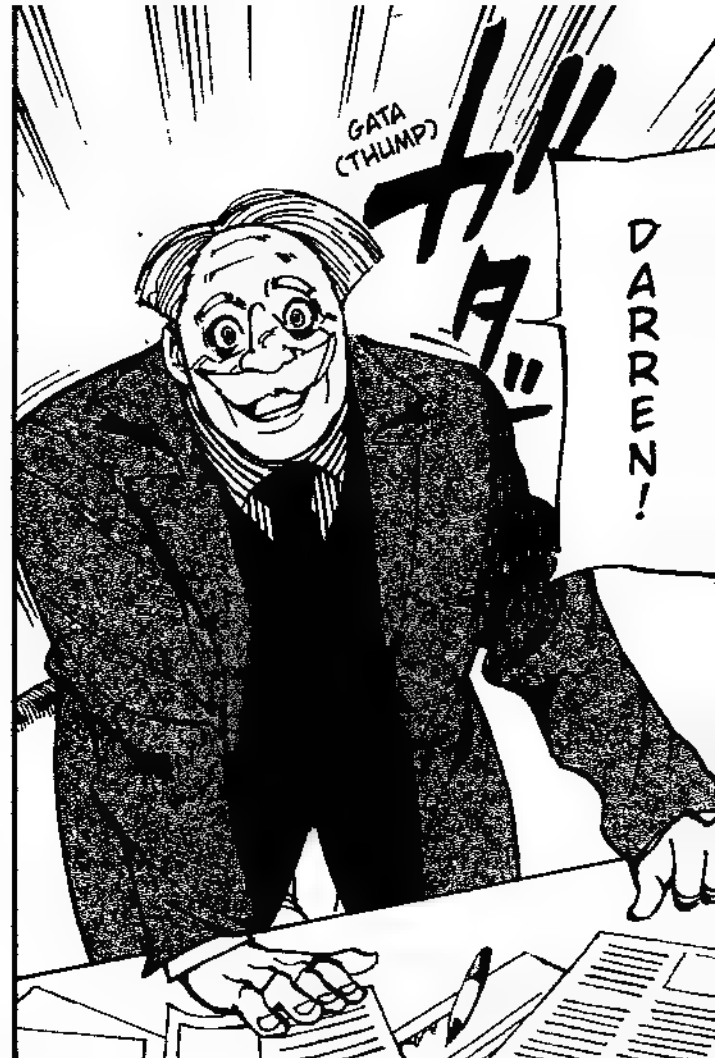
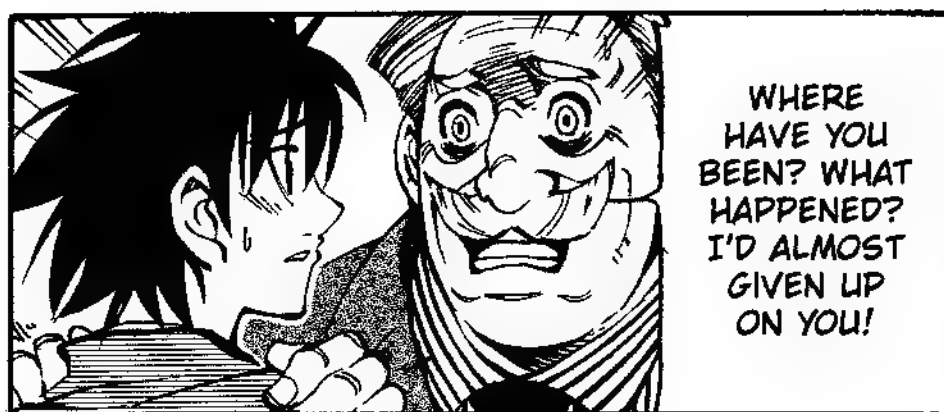
I'VE  
BEEN  
LOST IN  
A HAZE  
THESE  
FEW  
WEEKS  
...



SFX: HAGU (CHOMP)











RICHARD  
IS IN  
DANGER!

WELL,  
LOOK  
WHAT  
THE CAT  
DRAGGED  
IN!

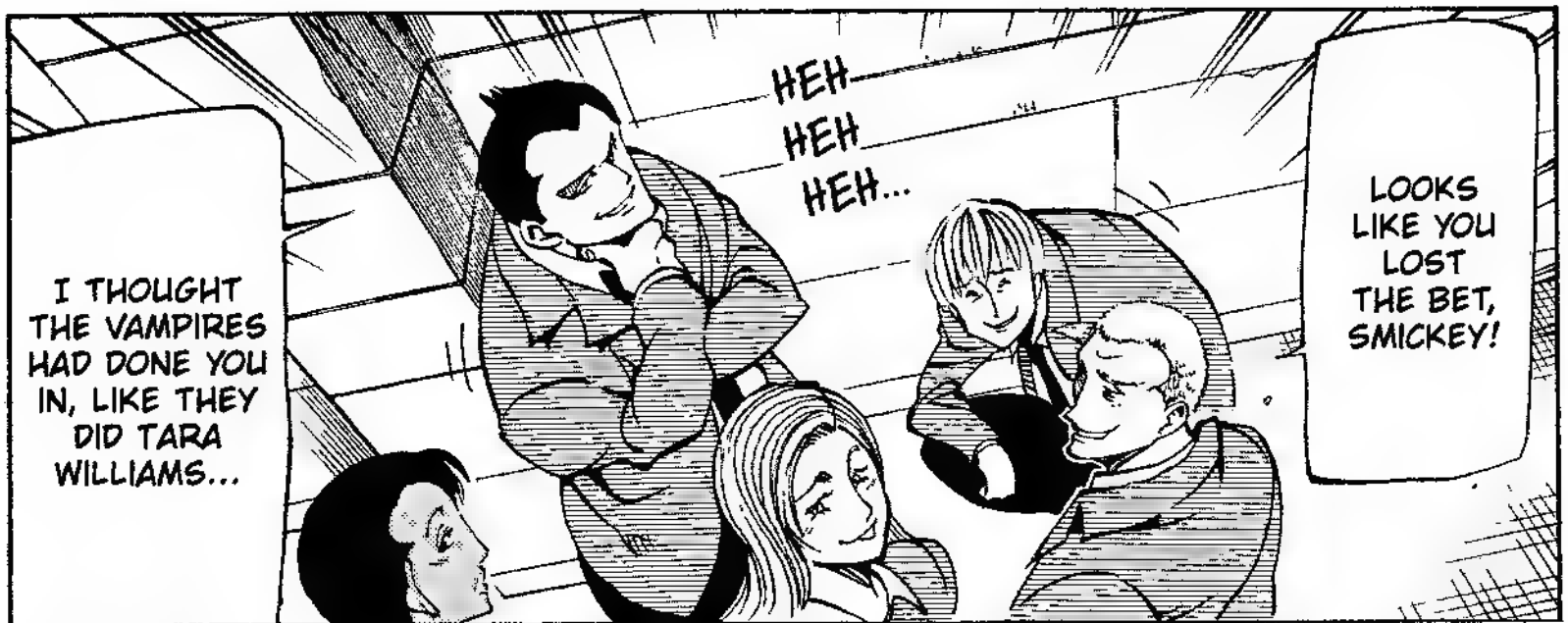


THAT MEANS  
THEIR NEXT  
VICTIM SHOULD  
BE IN THE SEAT  
ON MY RIGHT  
...

THE  
VAMPANEZE  
ARE CHOOSING  
THEIR TARGETS  
CAREFULLY!



RICHARD  
!!!



I THOUGHT  
THE VAMPIRES  
HAD DONE YOU  
IN, LIKE THEY  
DID TARA  
WILLIAMS...

HEH  
HEH  
HEH...

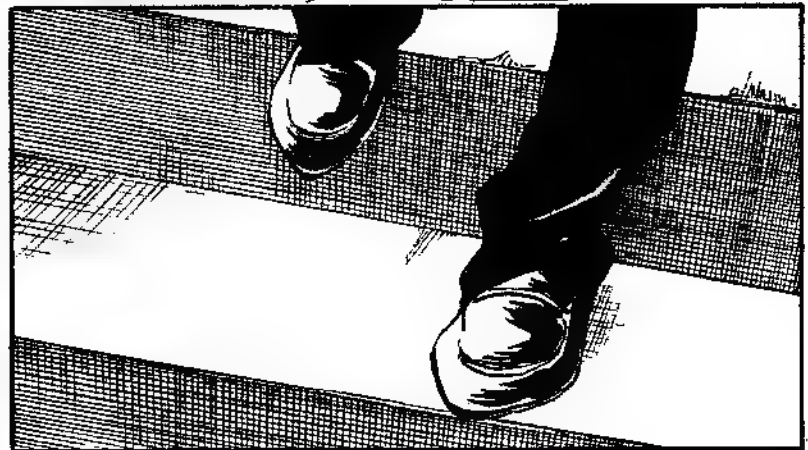
LOOKS  
LIKE YOU  
LOST  
THE BET,  
SMICKEY!



SHAME.



WATCH  
YOUR-  
SELF. IF  
YOU GET  
IN MY—







WE'LL  
NEED TO  
STAKE  
OUT ALL  
THREE,  
THEN...

AND IT MIGHT  
NOT JUST  
BE RICHARD.  
THEY COULD  
GO AFTER THE  
BOY OR GIRL  
SITTING IN  
FRONT OF OR  
BEHIND YOU.



WE KNOW  
THERE'S  
MORE THAN  
ONE, BUT  
I DOUBT  
THEY'LL  
ALL COME  
TO KILL A  
CHILD.

WOULDN'T  
IT BE WISER  
TO TRACE  
THE ATTACKER  
BACK TO HIS  
OR HER  
HIDEOUT?



WE  
NEED TO  
PROTECT  
THESE  
STUDENTS  
TOGETHER!

I CAN  
FIND  
OUT  
WHERE  
THEY  
LIVE.



NO...



THEN WE FOLLOW, AND IF WE ARE LUCKY, HE WILL LEAD US BACK TO HIS COMPANIONS.

I SUGGEST WE STAKE OUT, WAIT FOR A VAMPANEZE, THEN SHOOT HIM WITH AN ARROW BEFORE HE STRIKES.



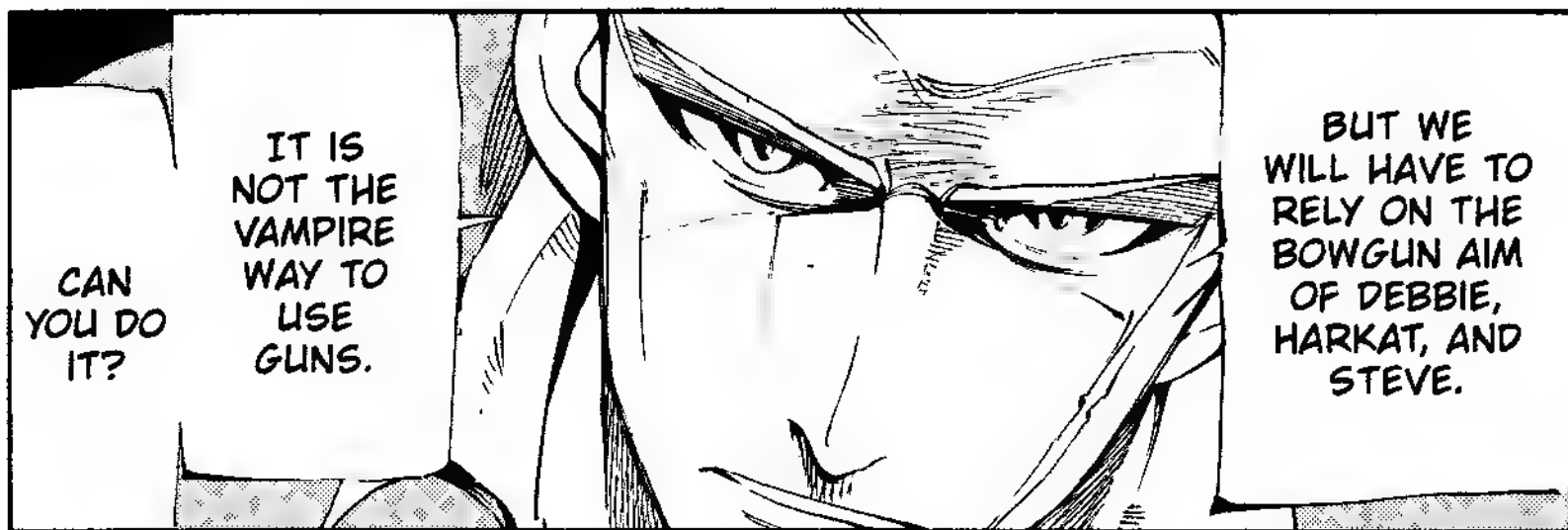
HOW DARE YOU!?

IT MAKES SENSE. OUR PRIMARY AIM IS TO—



HOLD ON!

ARE YOU SAYING WE LET THEM KILL RICHARD OR ONE OF THE OTHERS!?



CAN YOU DO IT?

IT IS NOT THE VAMPIRE WAY TO USE GUNS.

BUT WE WILL HAVE TO RELY ON THE BOWGUN AIM OF DEBBIE, HARKAT, AND STEVE.



NOR ME.

I WON'T EITHER!

I WON'T MISS.



TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

LET US MAKE HASTE ...

IT IS A RISK WE MUST TAKE.





WE JUST HAVE TO TRUST THAT... HE'S OKAY.

RICHARD'S LATE GETTING HOME...

YOU DON'T THINK HE'S ALREADY BEEN CAUGHT, DO YOU?



DARREN, GET YOUR HEAD DOWN!

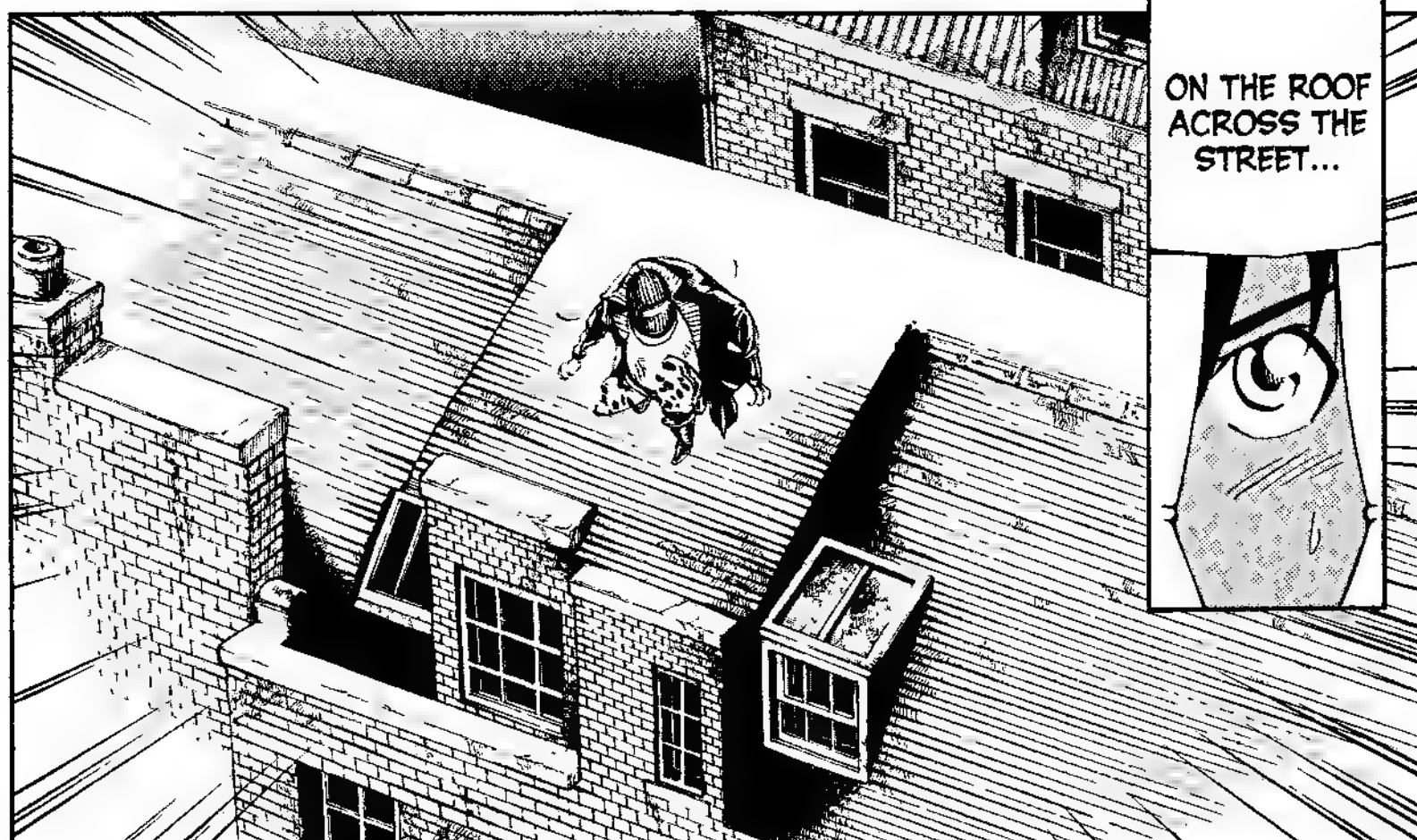
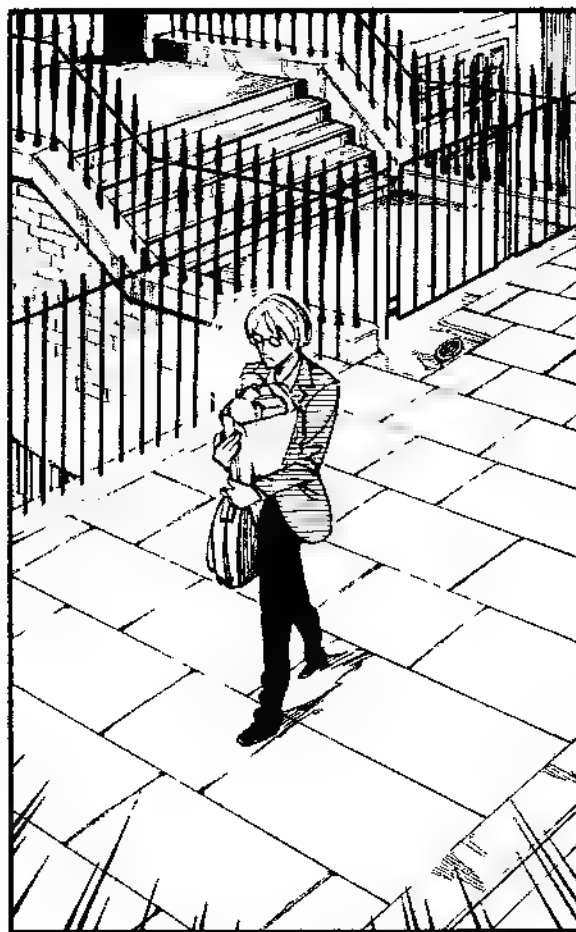
WHAT A RELIEF!

OH, SO HE WAS JUST BUYING GROCERIES.

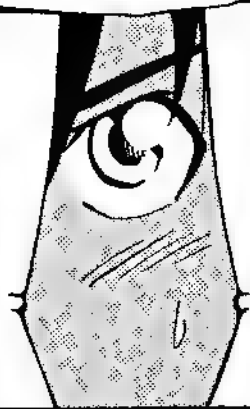


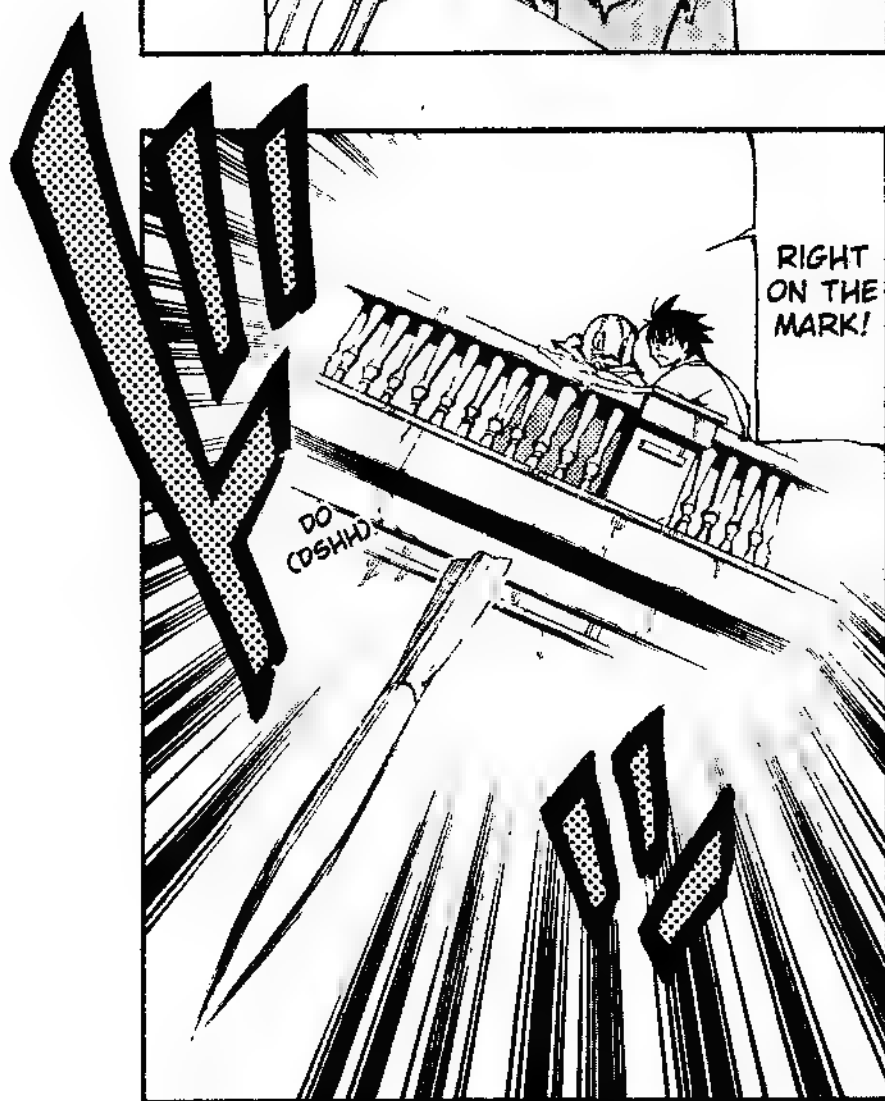
SLOWLY... LOOK THROUGH THE GAP IN THE RAILING...

WHAT IS IT, HARKAT?



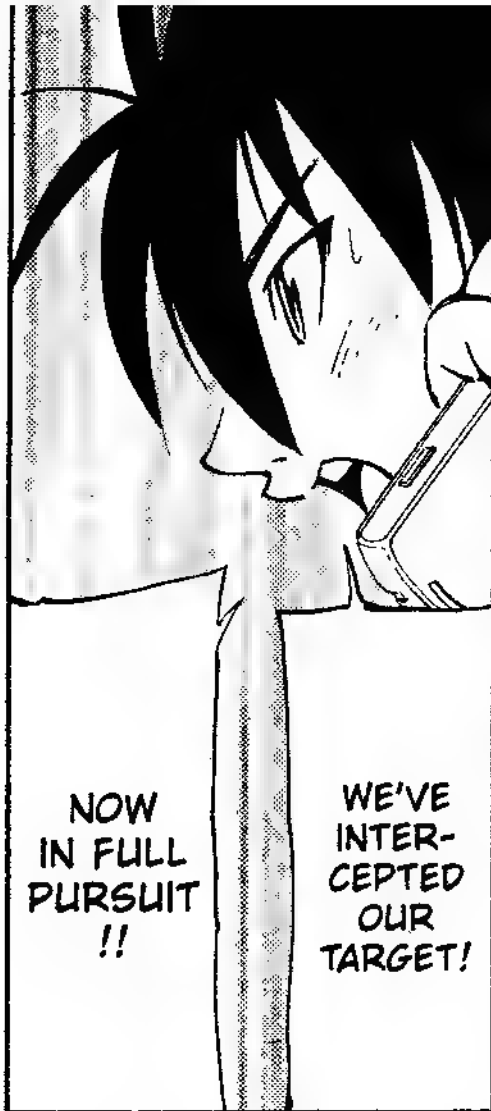
ON THE ROOF ACROSS THE STREET...





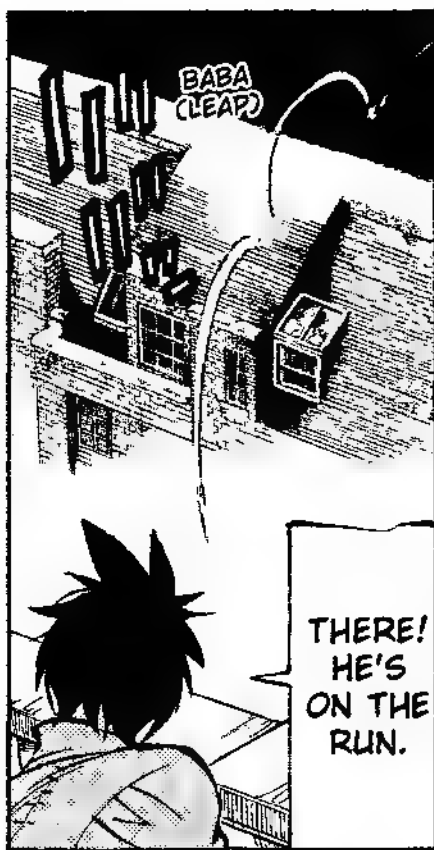






NOW  
IN FULL  
PURSUIT  
!!

WE'VE  
INTER-  
CEPTED  
OUR  
TARGET!



THERE!  
HE'S  
ON THE  
RUN.



WE'LL  
FINISH  
YOU  
OFF!!

PREPARE  
TO DIE,  
VAM-  
PANEZE!



RRRGH  
...



LET'S  
GO!!

COME  
ON,  
HAR-  
KAT!!





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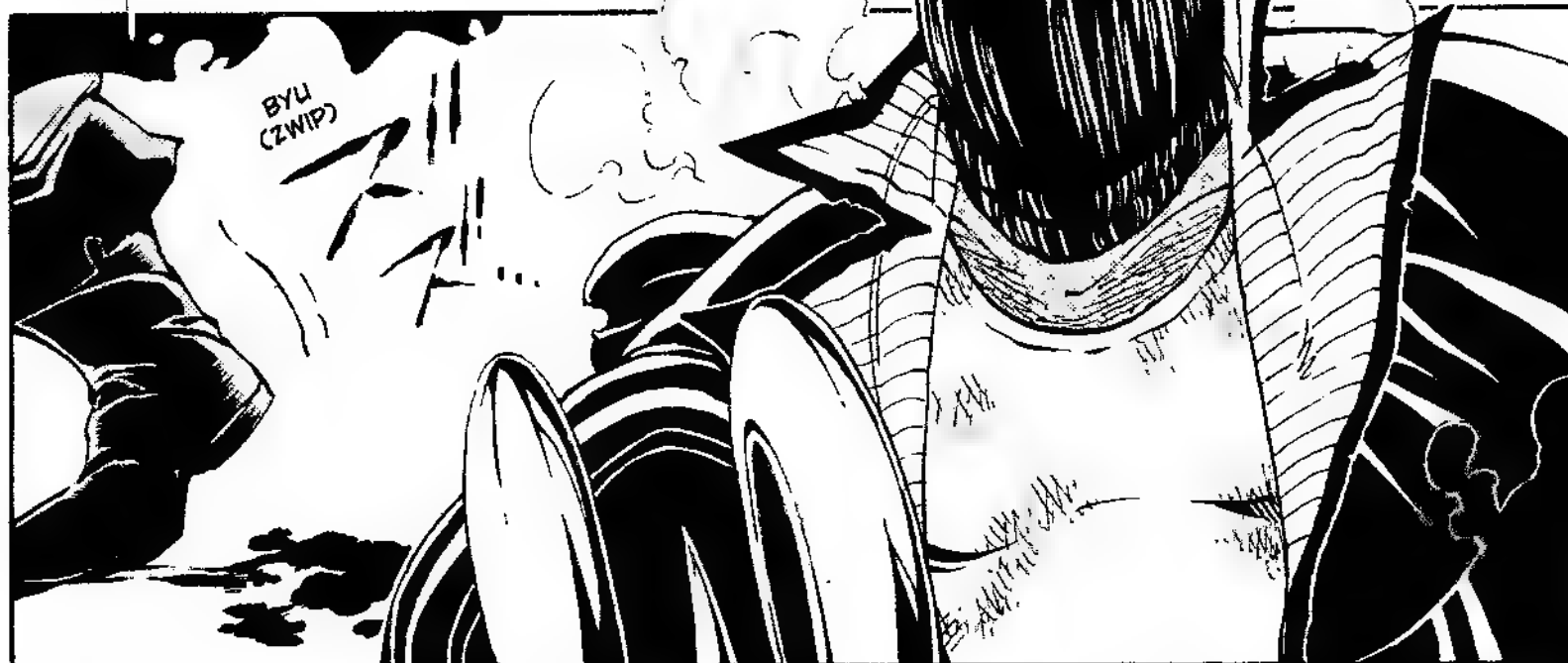
ANGER AND  
HATRED



Drive him into the sewers!

Cover him with the bow-gun!

We've got Hooky in our sights! He's moving toward the street, a block and a half ahead!

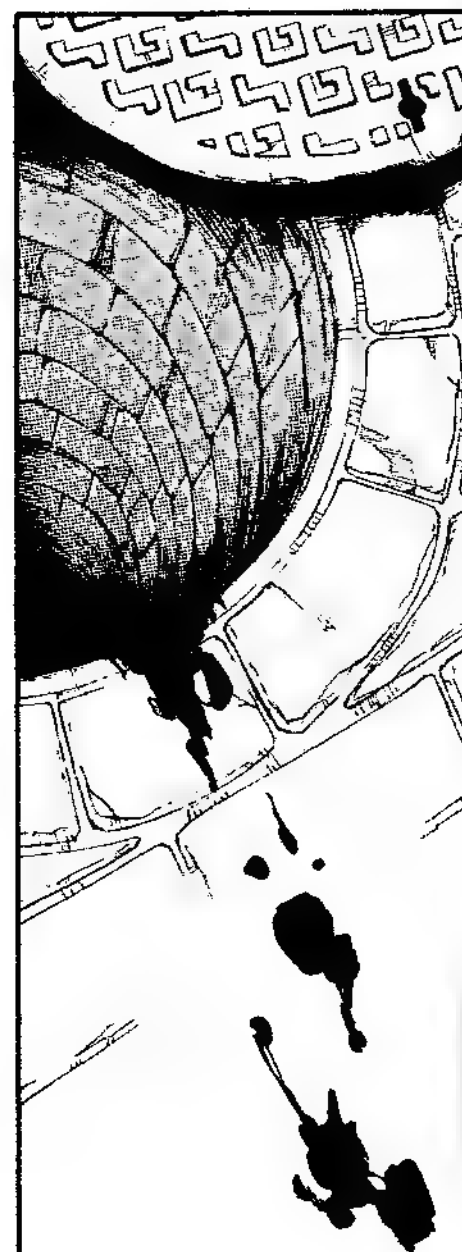


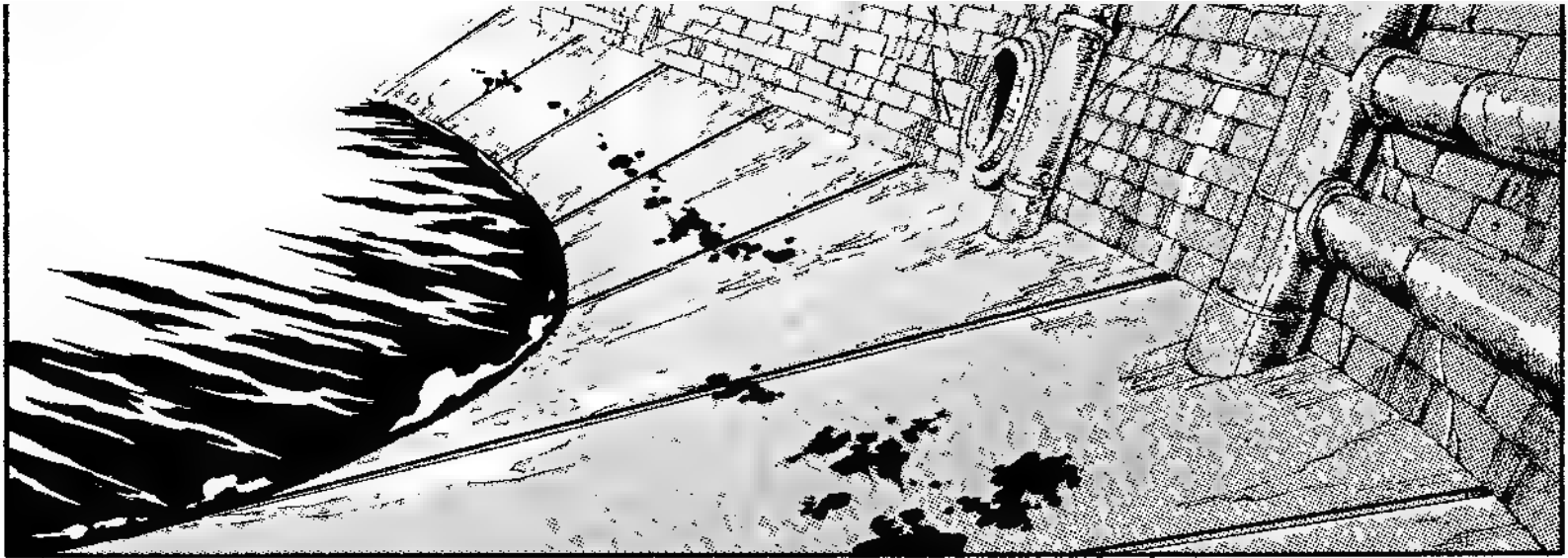
BYU  
(ZWIP)

WE GOTTA FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF BLOOD!

EVERY-ONE HERE? LET'S GO!

IT IS INDEED VAM-PANEZE BLOOD.





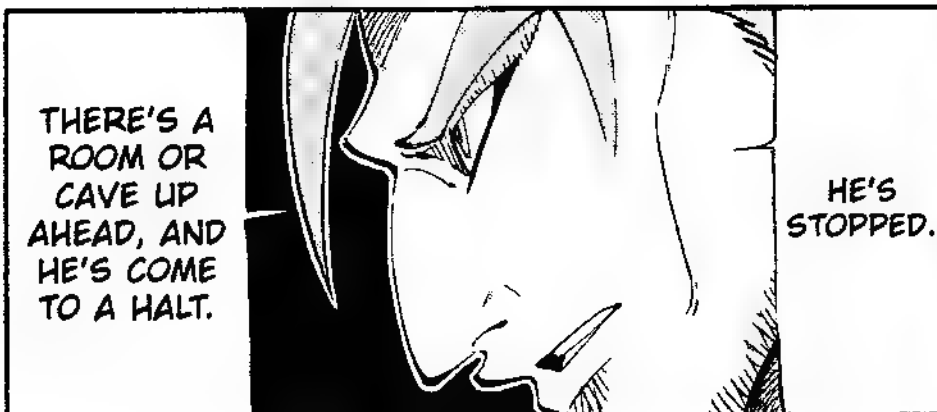
WHAT IS IT?

STOP.



IT'S NO WONDER WE NEVER DISCOVERED THE VAMPANEZE LAIR.

I DIDN'T REALIZE THE SEWERS WENT SO FAR...



THERE'S A ROOM OR CAVE UP AHEAD, AND HE'S COME TO A HALT.

HE'S STOPPED.



IT COULD BE A TRAP.

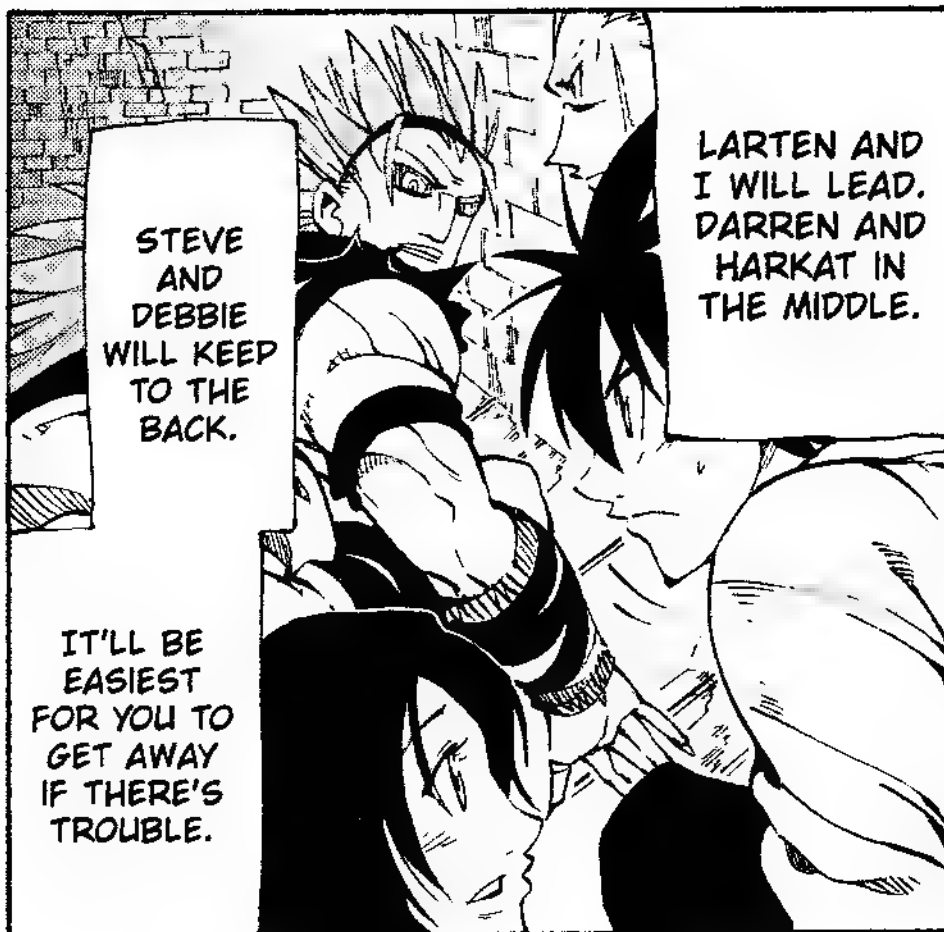
HIS HIDE-OUT?

THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN JUST LET HIM GET AWAY.

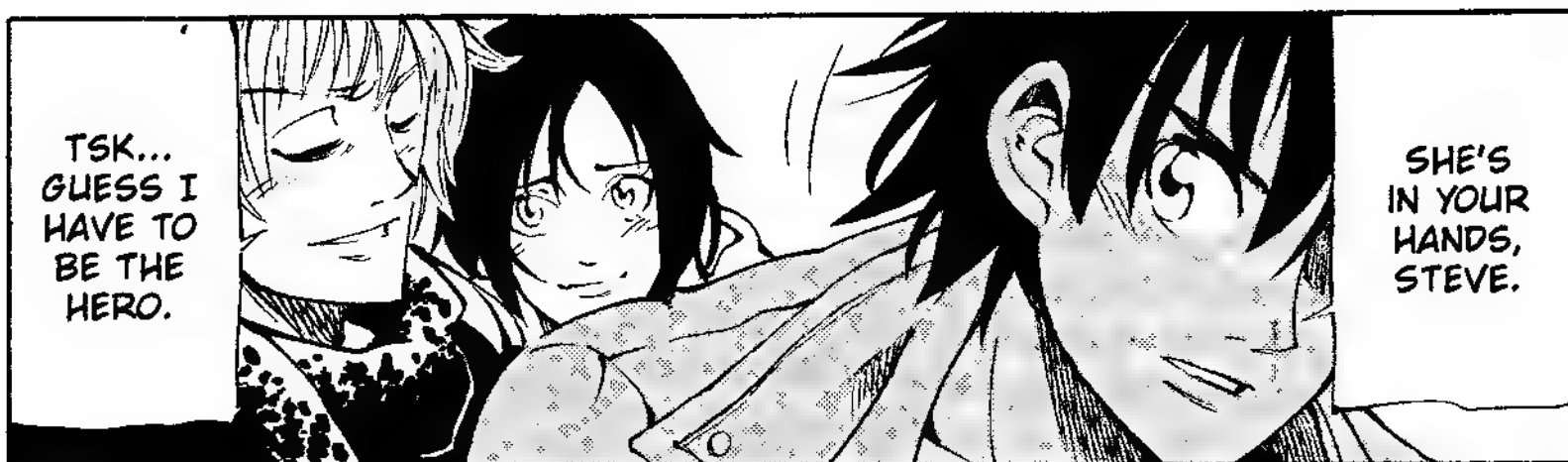
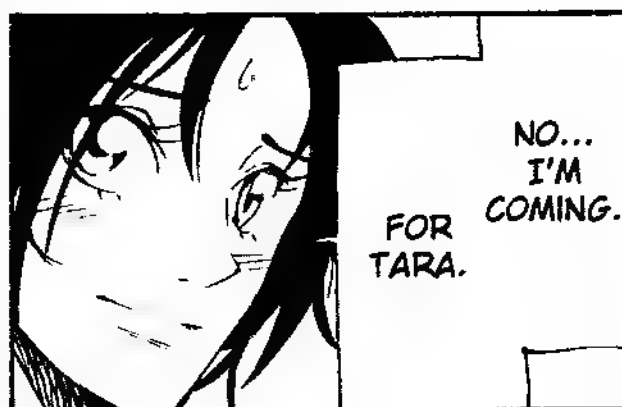
BUT WHY STOP HERE? IS HE PLANNING TO MAKE A FINAL STAND?

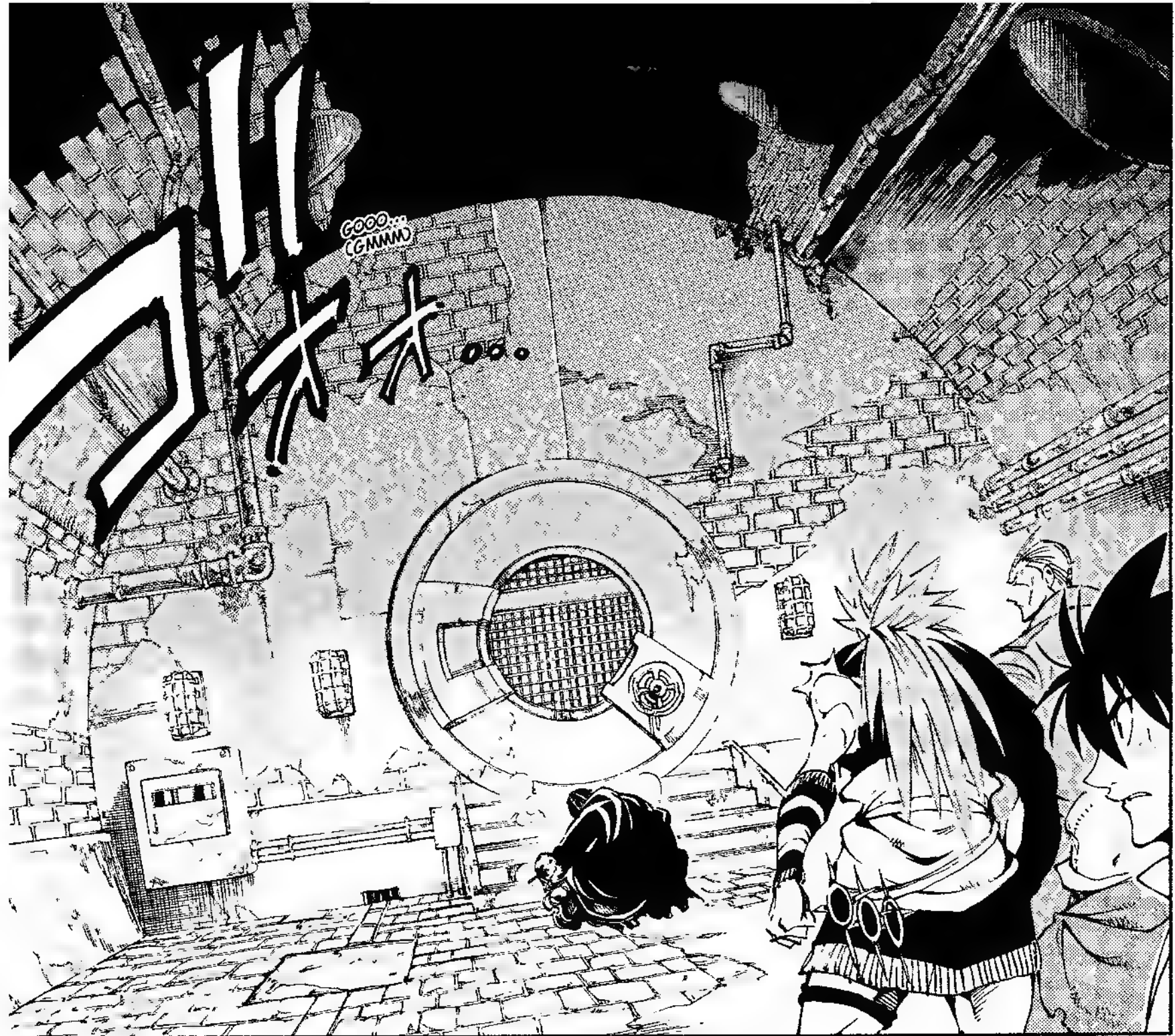
I DON'T SENSE ANY OTHERS... I DON'T LIKE IT.





SFX: BURU (SHIVER) BURU







LET'S SEE  
IF YOU  
REMEMBER  
WHEN  
FACED  
WITH  
THIS!

STILL  
DON'T  
SEE  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?



PAID  
ME  
BACK?

I'VE  
FINALLY  
PAID YOU  
BACK  
FOR THAT  
ONE...

HEH-HEH...

NOW  
WE ARE  
EVEN,  
DARREN  
SHAN.



SEEMS  
THE  
HUNTER  
IS NOW  
THE  
HUNTED.

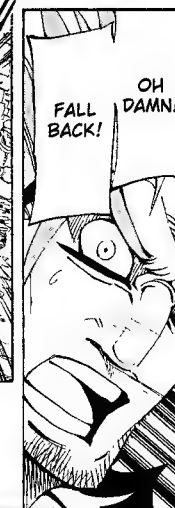
NOT SO  
PLEASED  
WITH YOUR-  
SELVES  
NOW, ARE  
YOU?



VAM-  
PANEZE  
AND VAM-  
PETS...  
THERE  
MUST BE  
THIRTY!



NOW  
WE'RE  
SUR-  
ROUND-  
ED!



FALL  
BACK!

OH  
DAMN!





!!!



GYARI

THEY  
EVEN  
EQUIPPED  
ME WITH  
NEW  
HANDS!

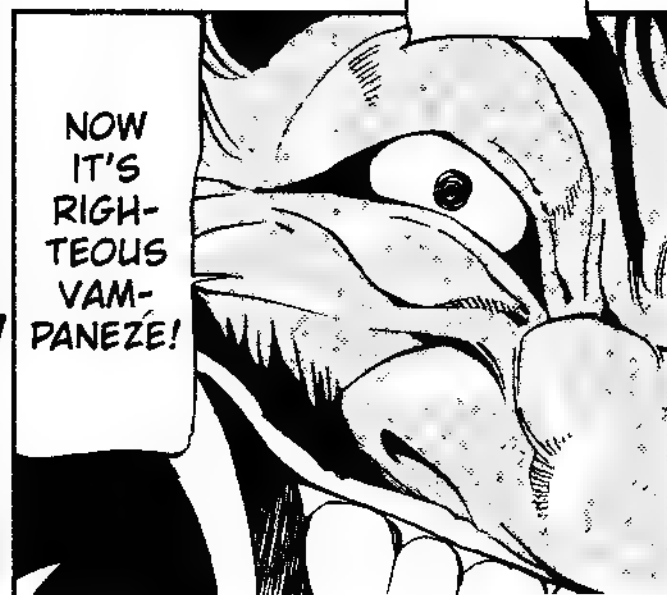
I LOST MY  
HANDS AND  
WANDERED  
THE WORLD  
ALONE AND  
FRIGHTENED,  
UNTIL THE  
VAMPANEZE  
TOOK ME  
IN. THEY  
GAVE ME  
STRENGTH!

GYARI  
(SLICE)



ARE  
YOU...  
R.V.?

REGGIE  
VEGGIE  
!?

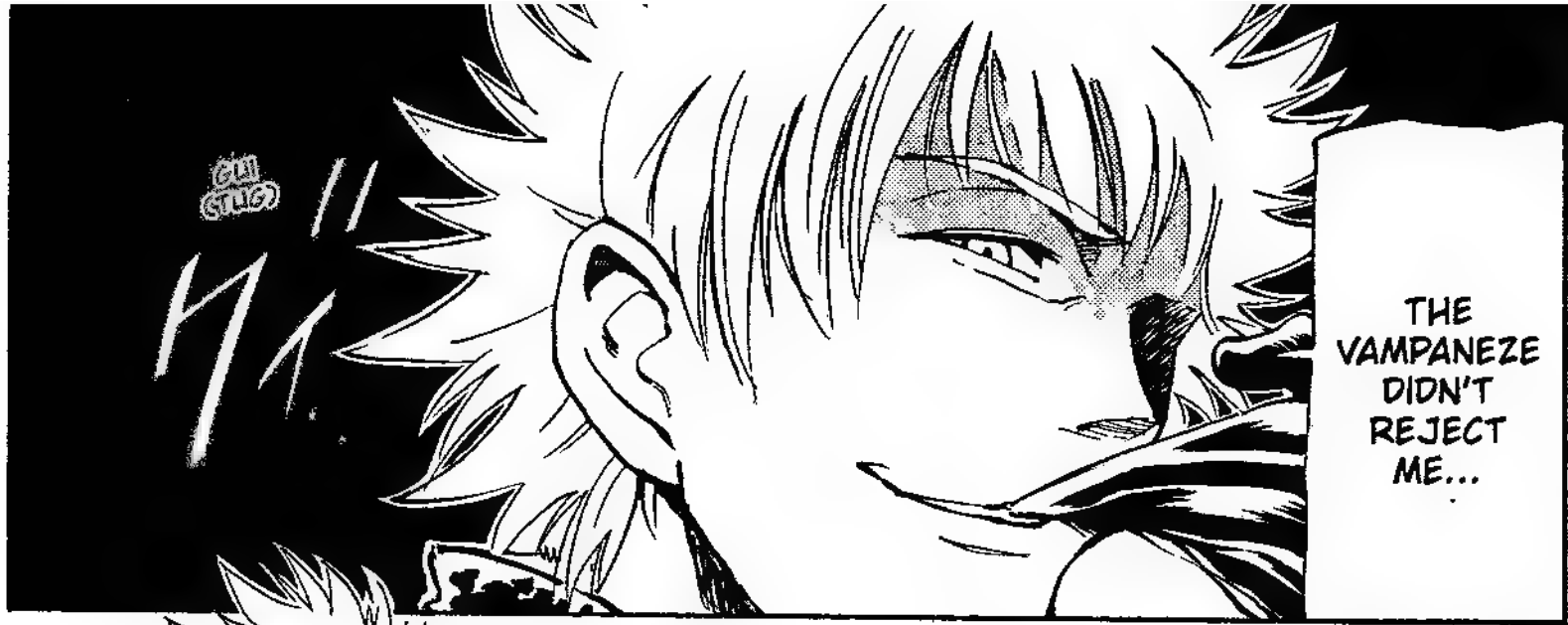


NOW  
IT'S  
RIGH-  
TEOUS  
VAM-  
PANEZE!









THE  
VAMPANEZE  
DIDN'T  
REJECT  
ME...



...LIKE  
YOU  
DID.



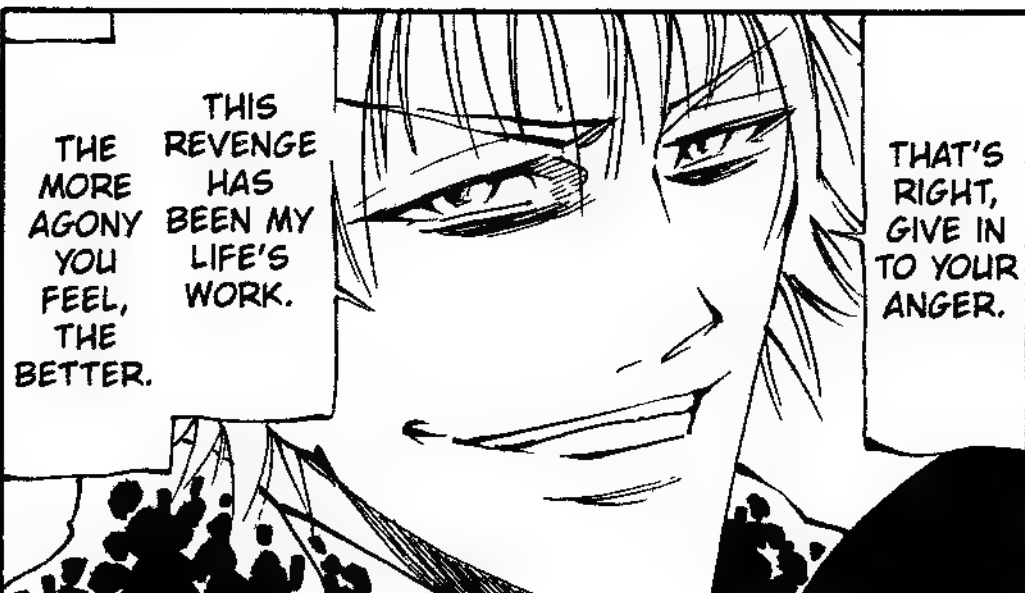
I  
SHOULD  
HAVE  
KILLED  
YOU  
YEARS  
AGO...

...ALL  
TO HIDE  
YOUR  
TRUE  
NATURE.

THE  
GLOVES,  
THE ME-  
DICINAL  
SMELL...



YOU ARE  
ONE OF  
THE VAM-  
PANEZE  
NOW!



THE MORE  
AGONY  
YOU  
FEEL,  
THE  
BETTER.

THIS  
REVENGE  
HAS  
BEEN MY  
LIFE'S  
WORK.

THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
GIVE IN  
TO YOUR  
ANGER.

TO BE  
PRECISE,  
I'M ONLY  
A HALF-  
VAM-  
PANEZE,  
LIKE  
R.V.



...POOR,  
DERANGED  
MURLOUGH,  
HAD GONE  
MISSING HERE  
SOME YEARS  
AGO.

THROUGH  
THE VAM-  
PANEZE, I  
LEARNED  
THAT ONE  
OF THEIR  
BRETHREN  
...



I FOUND  
YOUR BIRTH  
CERTIFICATE.  
CONNECTED  
YOU TO THIS  
PLACE.

I RE-  
SEARCHED.  
I FOUND  
OUT ALL  
I COULD  
ABOUT  
YOU.

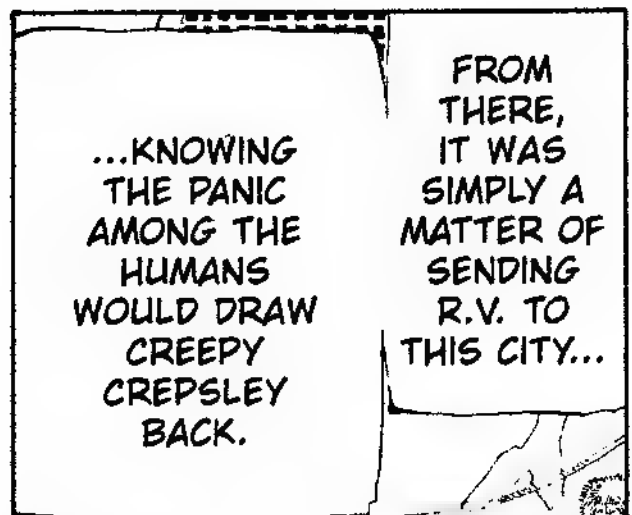


...IT  
WASN'T  
DIFFICULT  
TO  
CONNECT  
THE DOTS.

KNOWING  
WHAT  
I DID  
ABOUT  
YOU...



ENROLLING  
DARREN IN  
SCHOOL AND  
KEEPING  
YOU FROM  
LEAVING THE  
TOWN WAS  
JUST THE  
START.



...KNOWING  
THE PANIC  
AMONG THE  
HUMANS  
WOULD DRAW  
CREEPY  
CREPSLEY  
BACK.

FROM  
THERE,  
IT WAS  
SIMPLY A  
MATTER OF  
SENDING  
R.V. TO  
THIS CITY...

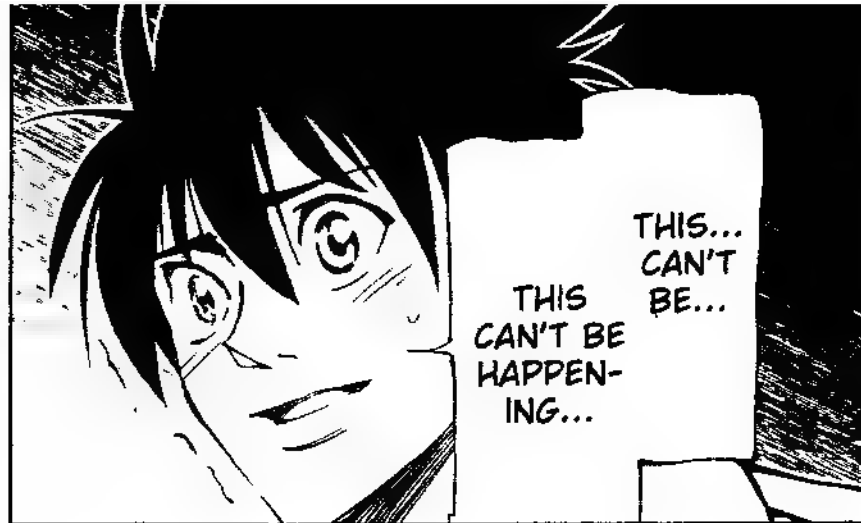


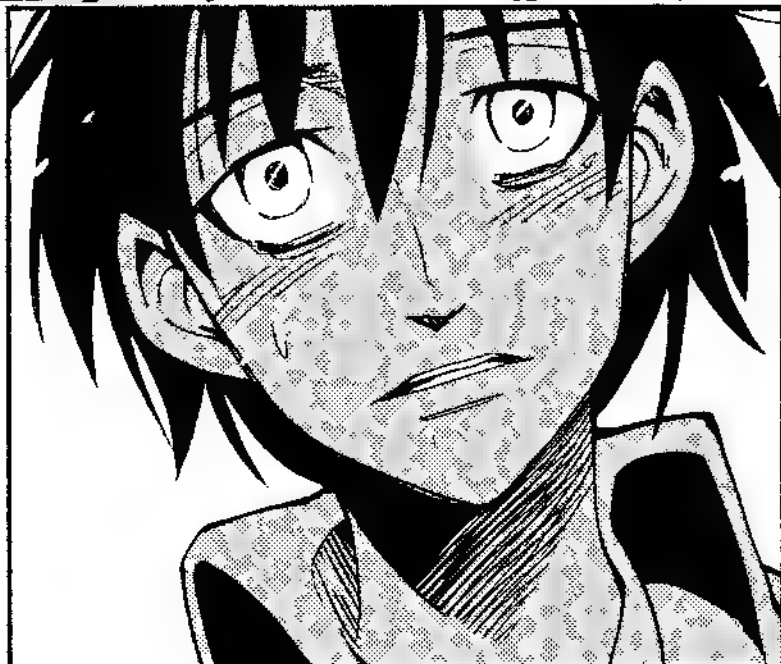
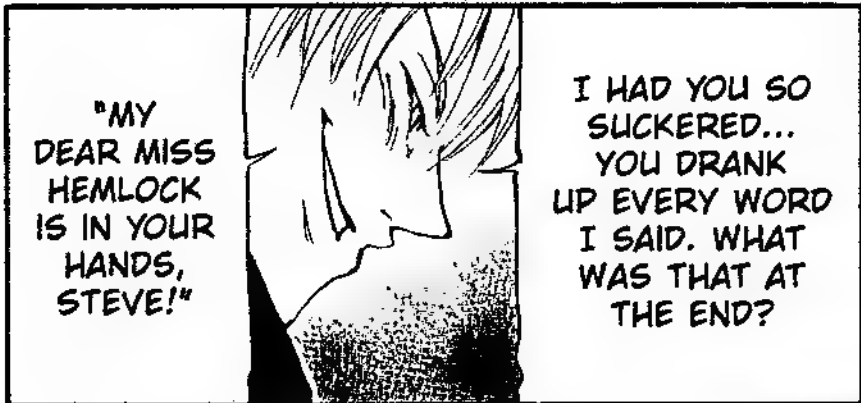
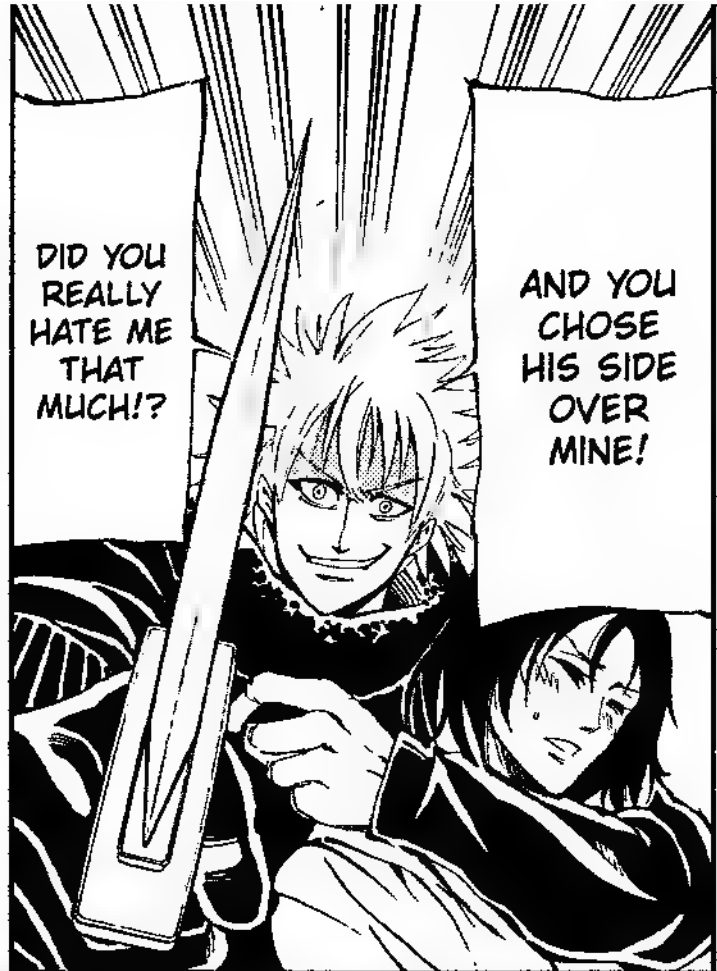
THOUGH  
YOUR TEACHER  
BEING AN OLD  
GIRLFRIEND  
WAS AN  
UNEXPECTED  
SURPRISE.



HEH-HEH...



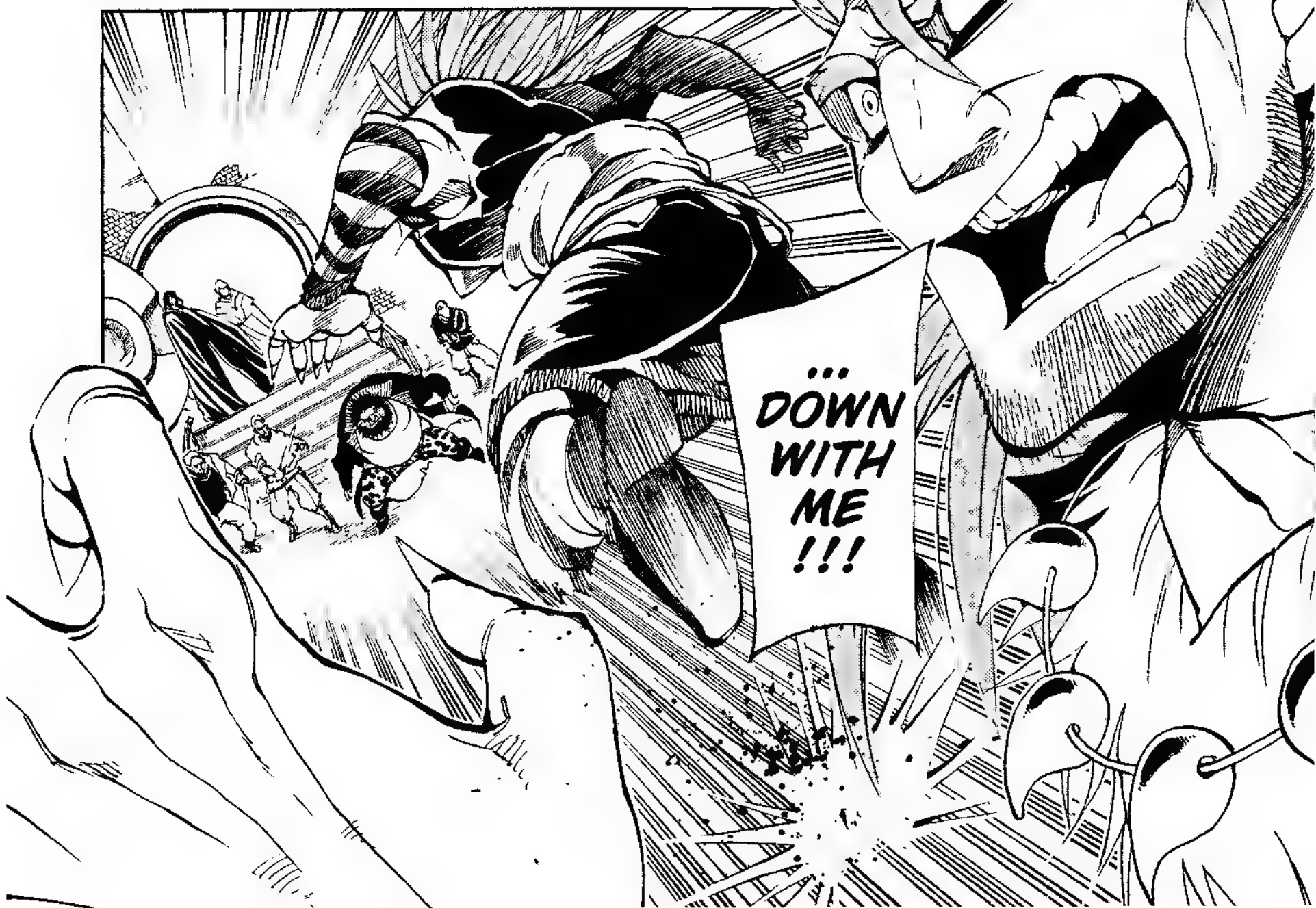
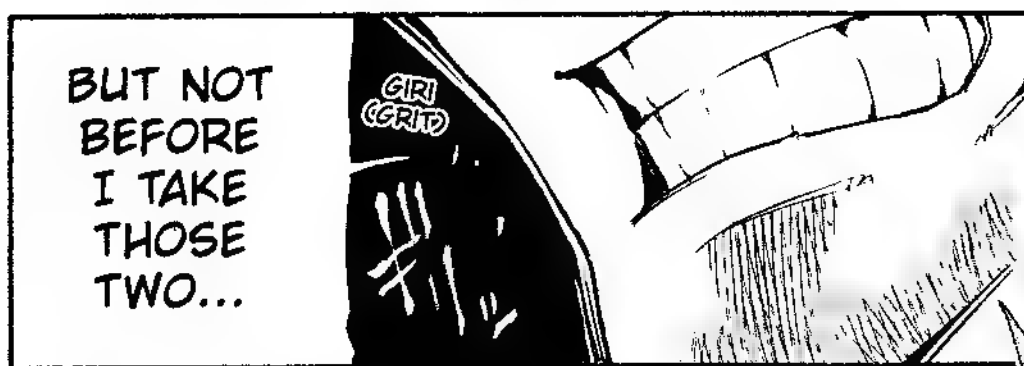
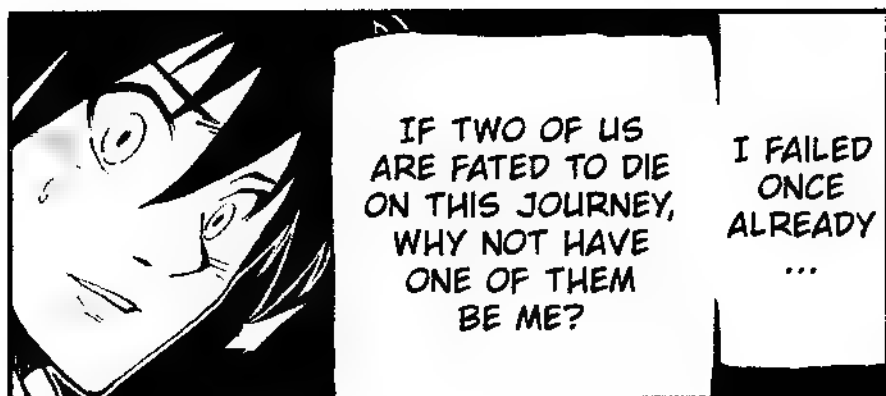
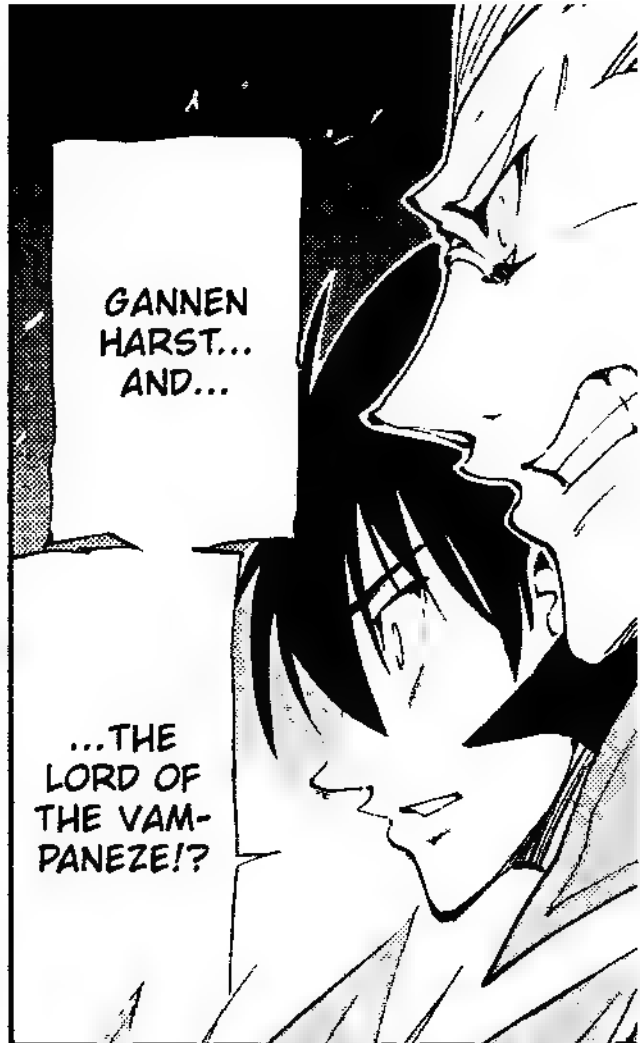
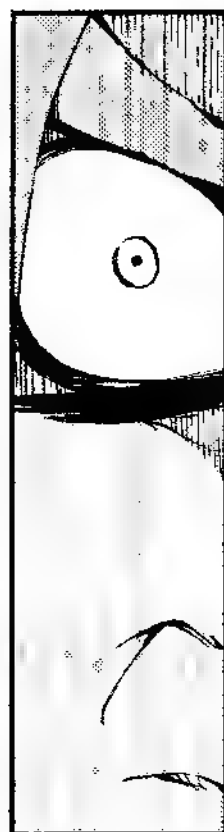
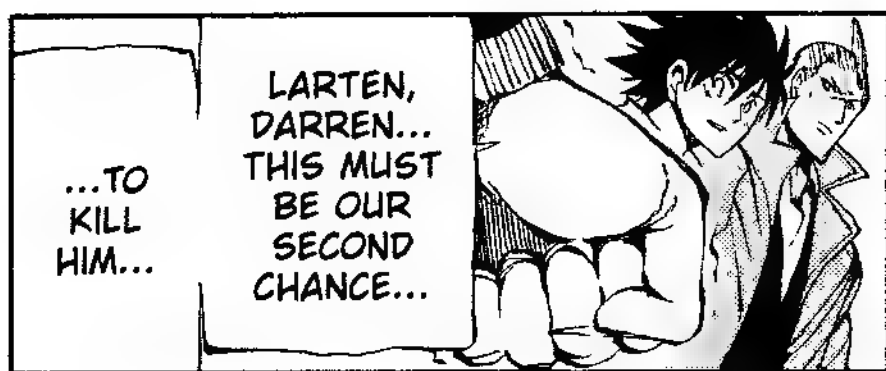














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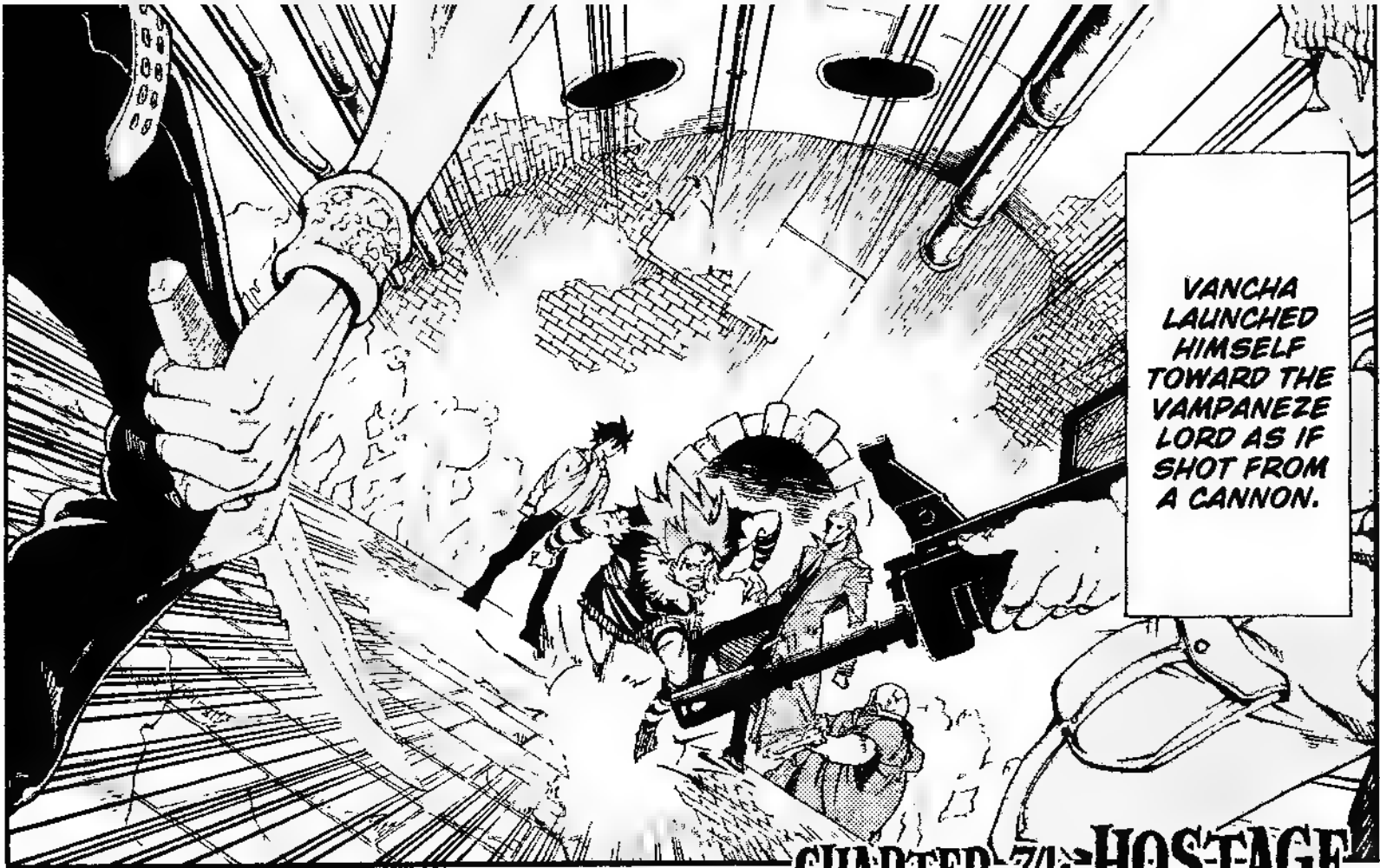
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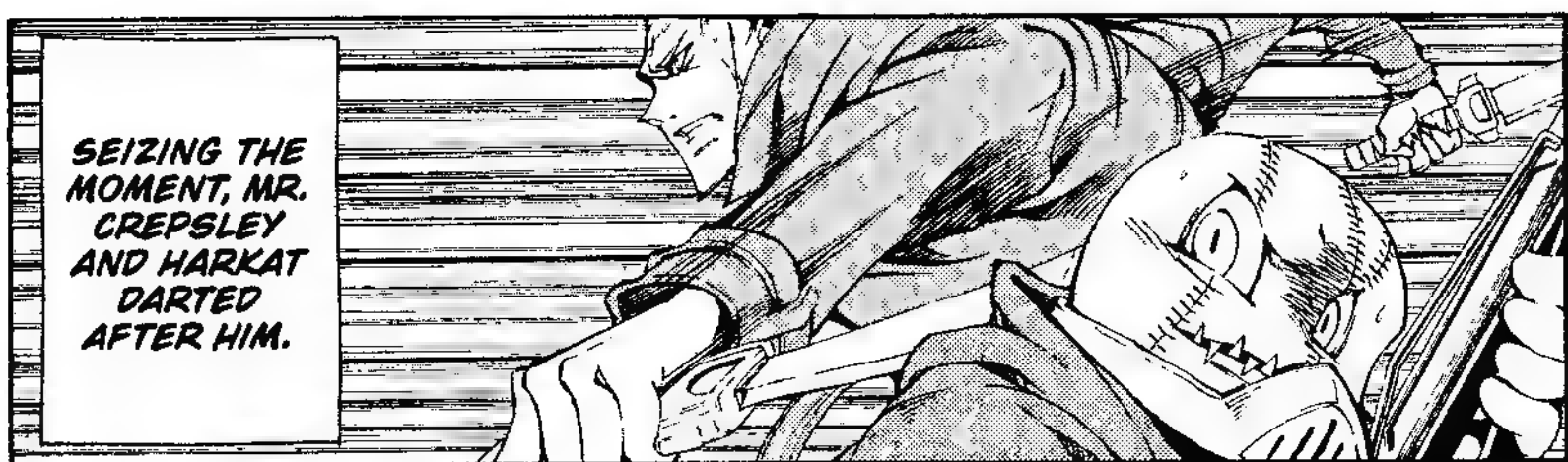
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VANCHA  
LAUNCHED  
HIMSELF  
TOWARD THE  
VAMPANEZE  
LORD AS IF  
SHOT FROM  
A CANNON.

## CHAPTER 74: HOSTAGE



SEIZING THE  
MOMENT, MR.  
CREPSLEY  
AND HARKAT  
DARTED  
AFTER HIM.



THE  
VAMPA-  
NEZE AND  
VAMPETS  
CLOSED  
RANKS TO  
PROTECT  
THEIR LORD.



BUT  
INSTEAD  
...

I SHOULD  
HAVE GONE  
AFTER MY  
COMPANIONS—  
KILLING THE  
VAMPANEZE  
LORD MEANT  
MORE THAN  
ANYTHING  
ELSE.



...I  
TURNED  
MY BACK  
ON THE  
ENEMY...

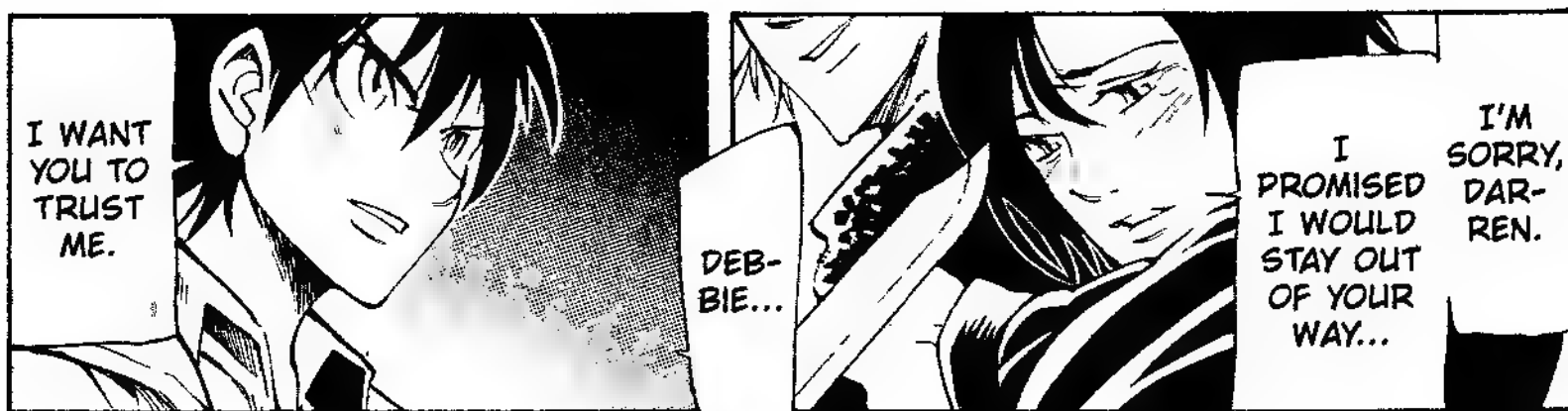
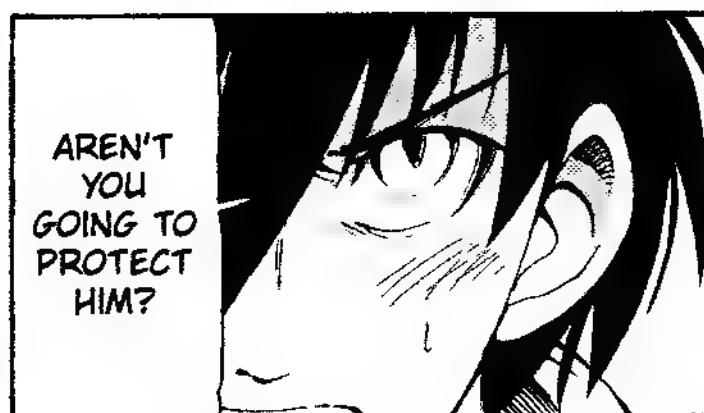
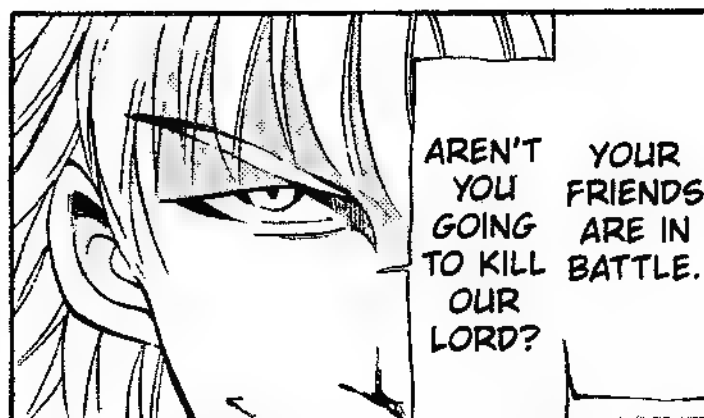
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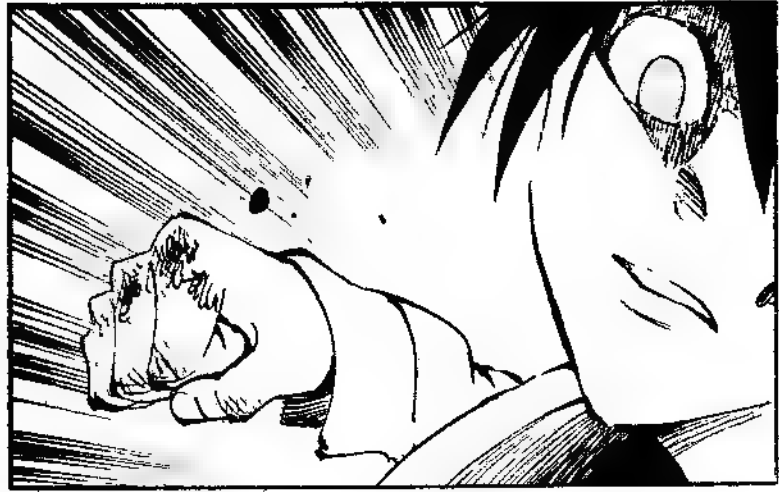
...AND THE  
FRIEND  
WHO HAD  
SUNK TO  
JOINING  
THE VAM-  
PANEZE.

...TO  
FACE  
MY  
BE-  
LOVED  
...

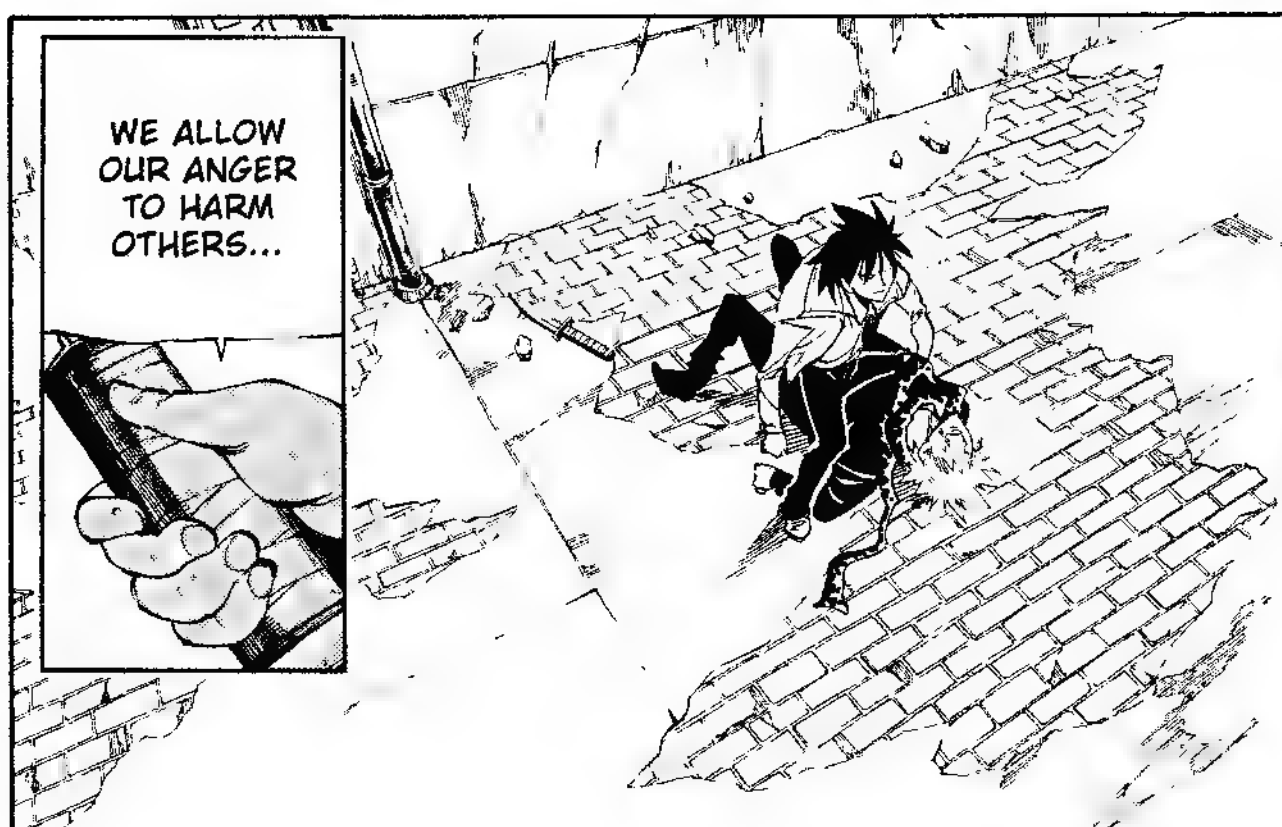
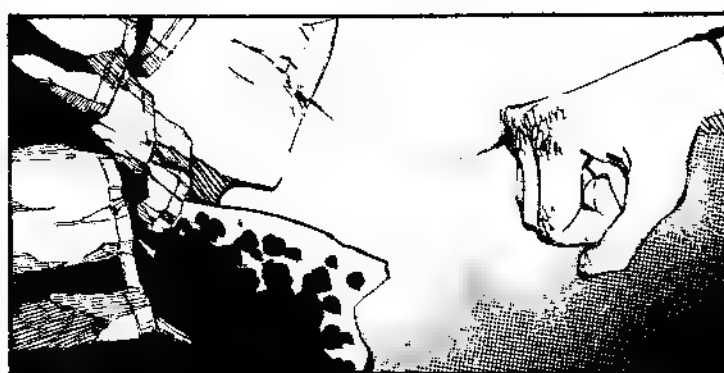
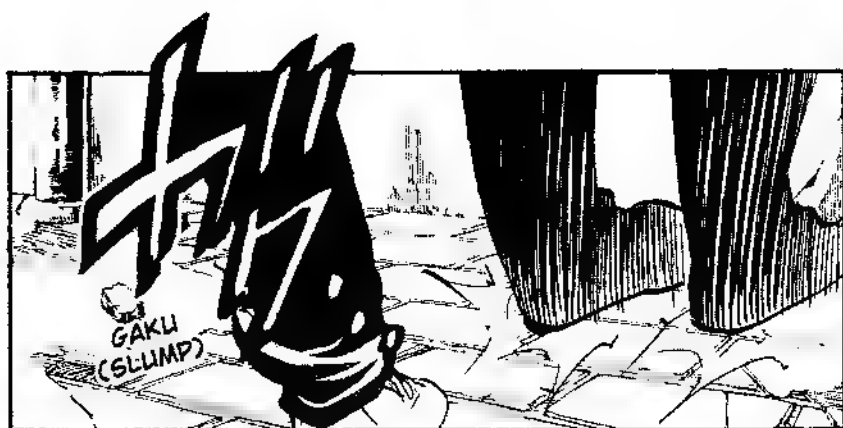






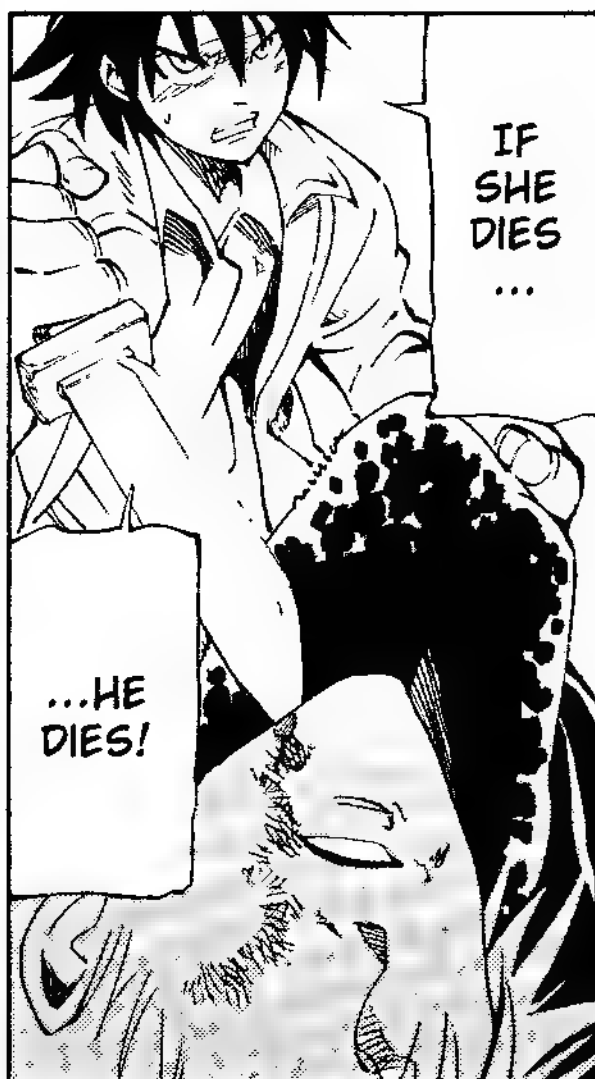






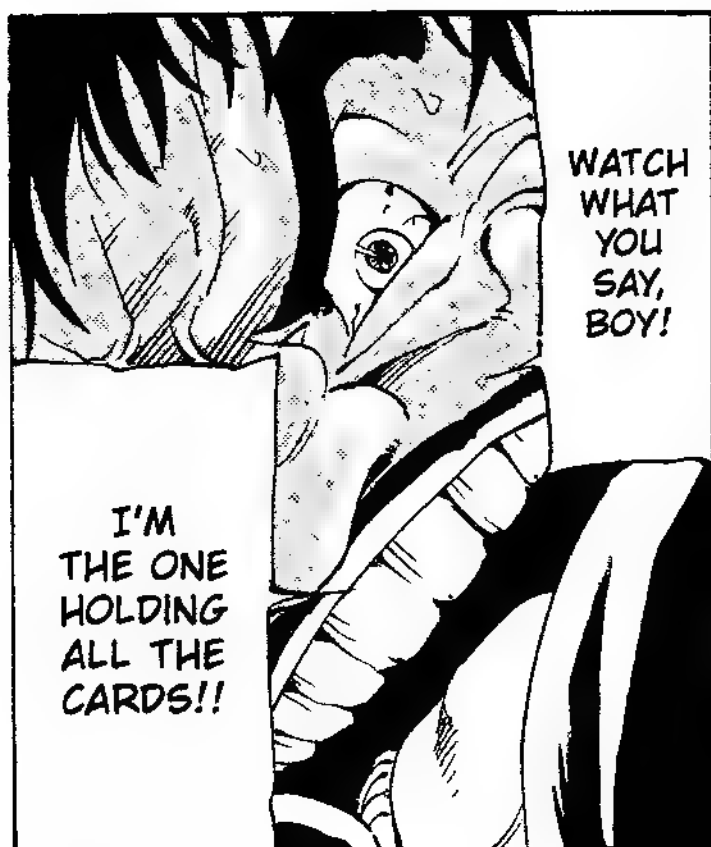






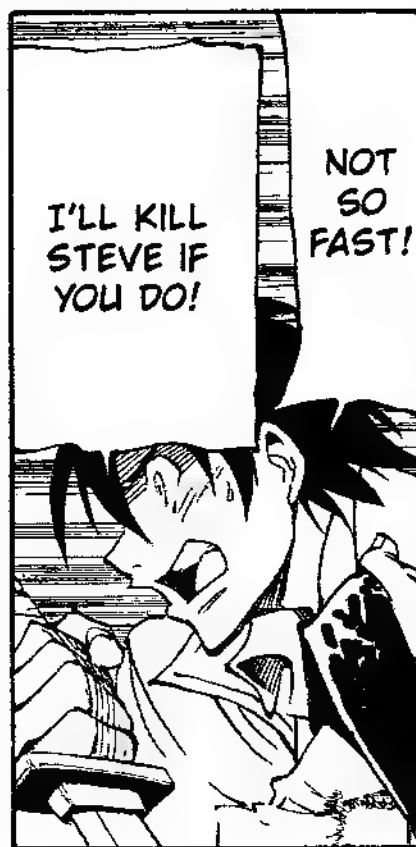


WAIT!  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?



I'M  
THE ONE  
HOLDING  
ALL THE  
CARDS!!

WATCH  
WHAT  
YOU  
SAY,  
BOY!



I'LL KILL  
STEVE IF  
YOU DO!

NOT  
SO  
FAST!



IF YOU  
TRY TO  
STOP  
ME, I'LL  
KILL  
HER!

I'M  
TAKING  
HER...



NOT FOR  
THE TIME  
BEING.

NII  
(SMIRK)

I  
WON'T  
...



...IF YOU  
HARM  
HER...

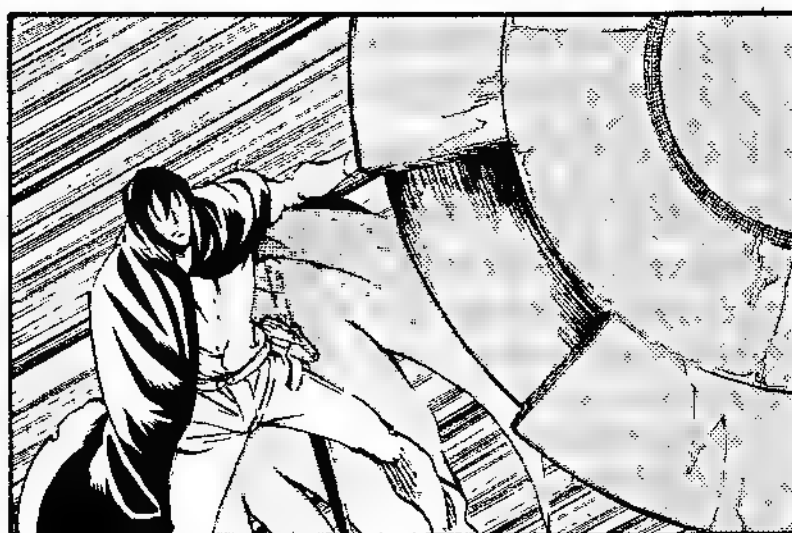
R.V., I  
SWEAR  
...

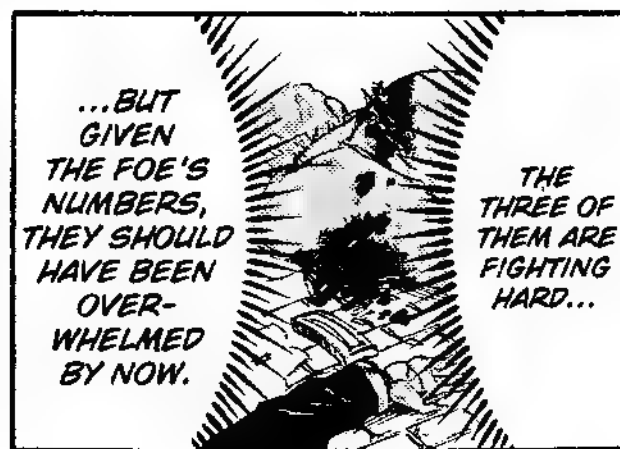
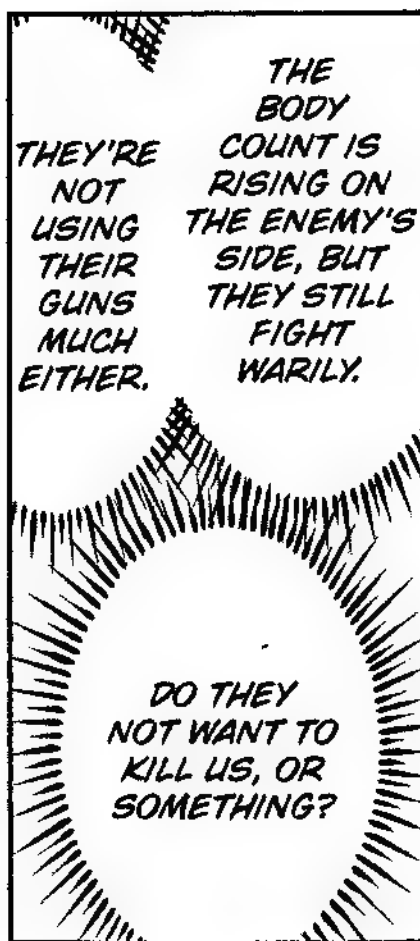


I WANT TO  
SEE YOU  
SQUIRM  
BEFORE I  
DO...



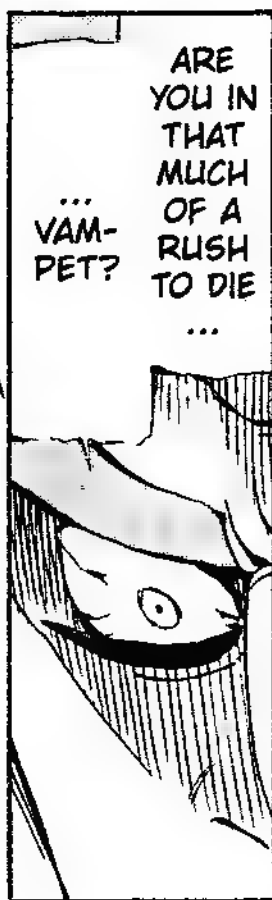
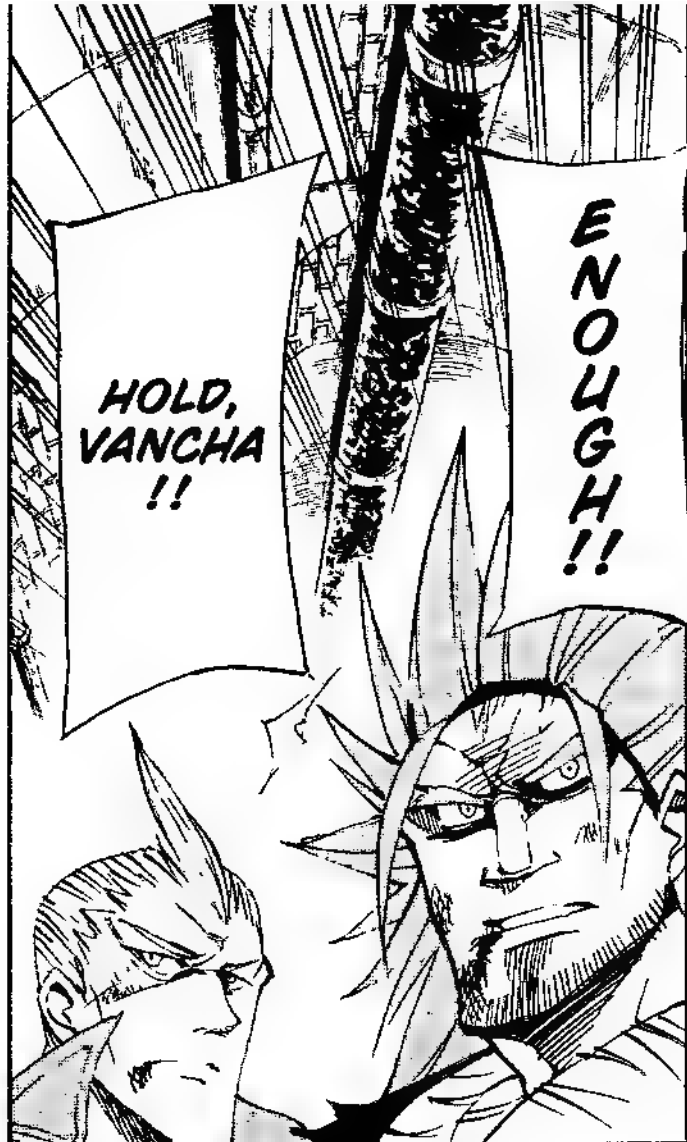




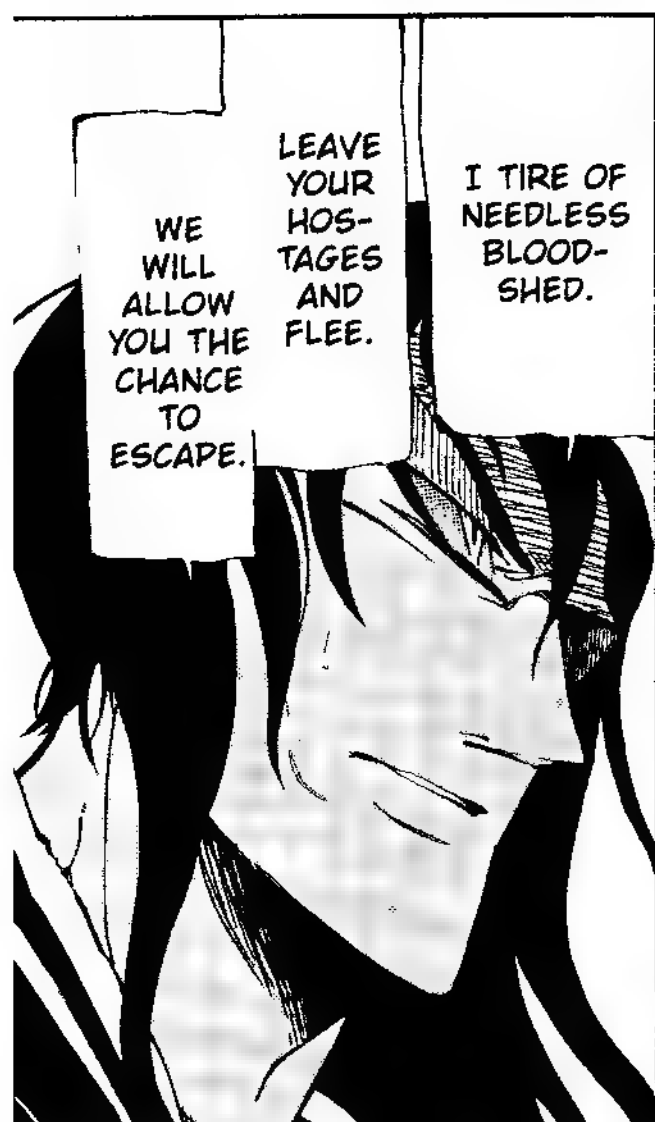
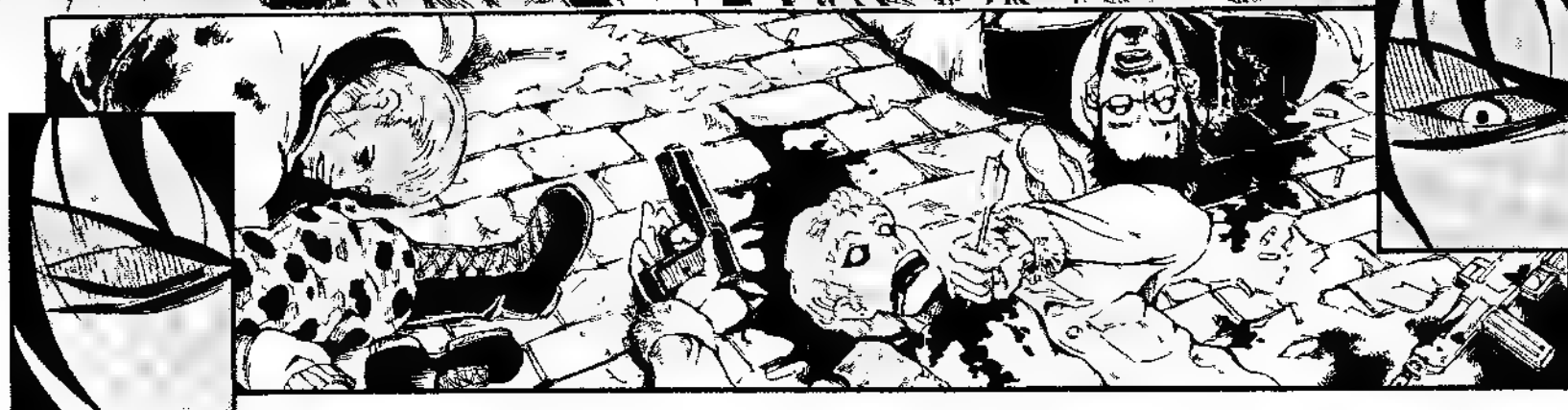












WE  
WILL  
ALLOW  
YOU THE  
CHANCE  
TO  
ESCAPE.

LEAVE  
YOUR  
HOS-  
TAGES  
AND  
FLEE.

I TIRE OF  
NEEDLESS  
BLOOD-  
SHED.

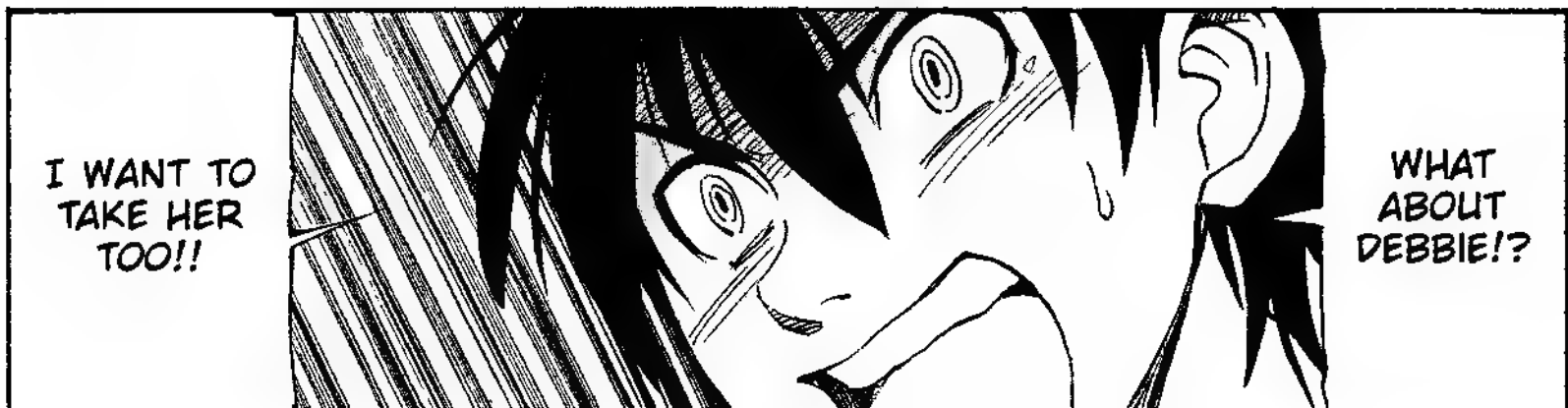
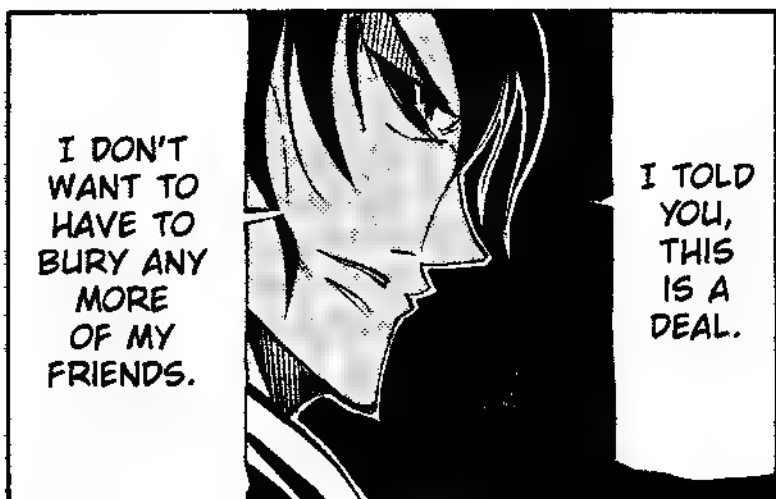


C'MON,  
STEVE.  
GET  
UP.



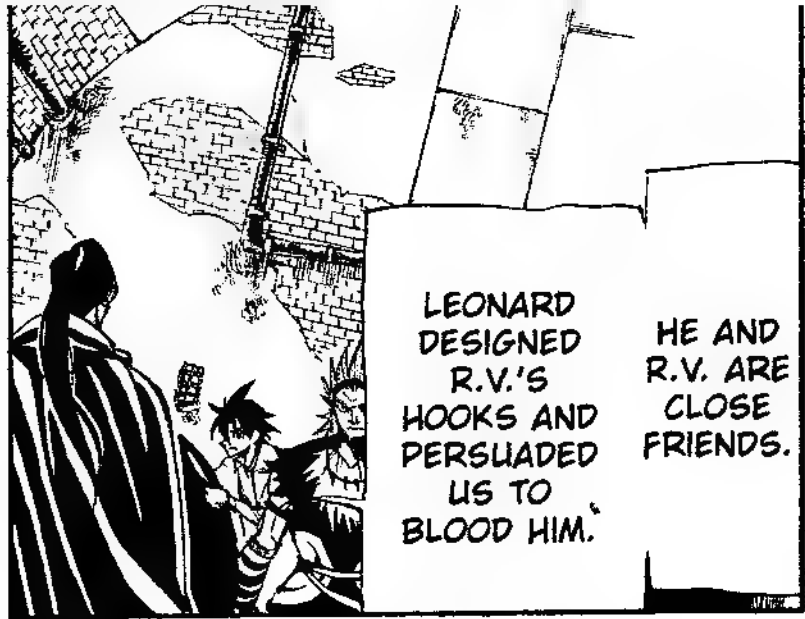
WHY  
AREN'T  
YOU REALLY  
TRYING TO  
KILL US?

WHAT  
IS YOUR  
GAME,  
GANNEN?





...AND  
IT'S  
MORE  
THAN  
YOU  
HAVE A  
RIGHT TO  
EXPECT.  
THAT  
IS THE  
BEST  
I CAN  
DO...



LEONARD  
DESIGNED  
R.V.'S  
HOOKS AND  
PERSUADED  
US TO  
BLOOD HIM.

HE AND  
R.V. ARE  
CLOSE  
FRIENDS.



I DON'T  
THINK R.V.  
WOULD KILL  
THE WOMAN  
IF IT MEANT  
LEONARD'S  
DEATH.



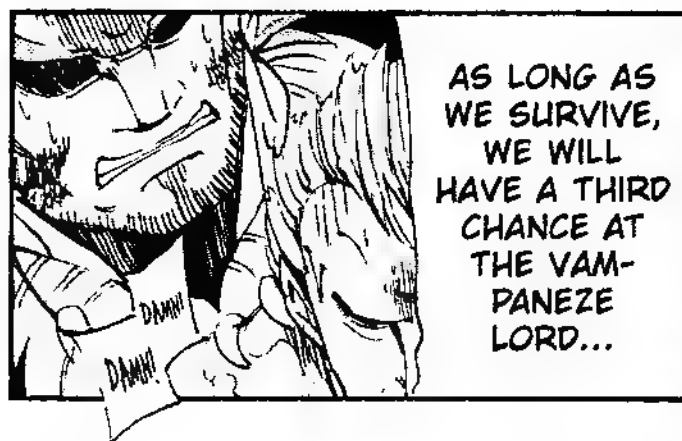
...AND  
IF WE  
CATCH  
YOU, YOU  
DIE.

IN  
FIFTEEN  
MINUTES,  
WE COME  
...

THEN GO  
NOW. FROM  
THE MOMENT  
YOU START  
TO WALK, THE  
CLOCK BEGINS  
TO TICK.



EVEN  
IN DEATH,  
MAY YOU  
BE  
TRIUM-  
PHANT.



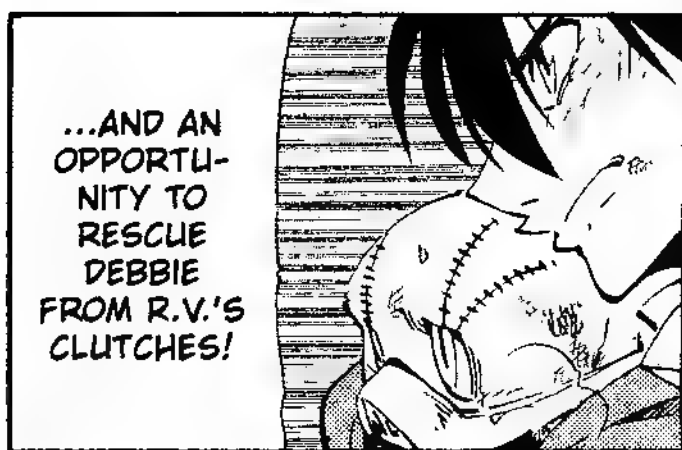
AS LONG AS  
WE SURVIVE,  
WE WILL  
HAVE A THIRD  
CHANCE AT  
THE VAM-  
PANEZE  
LORD...



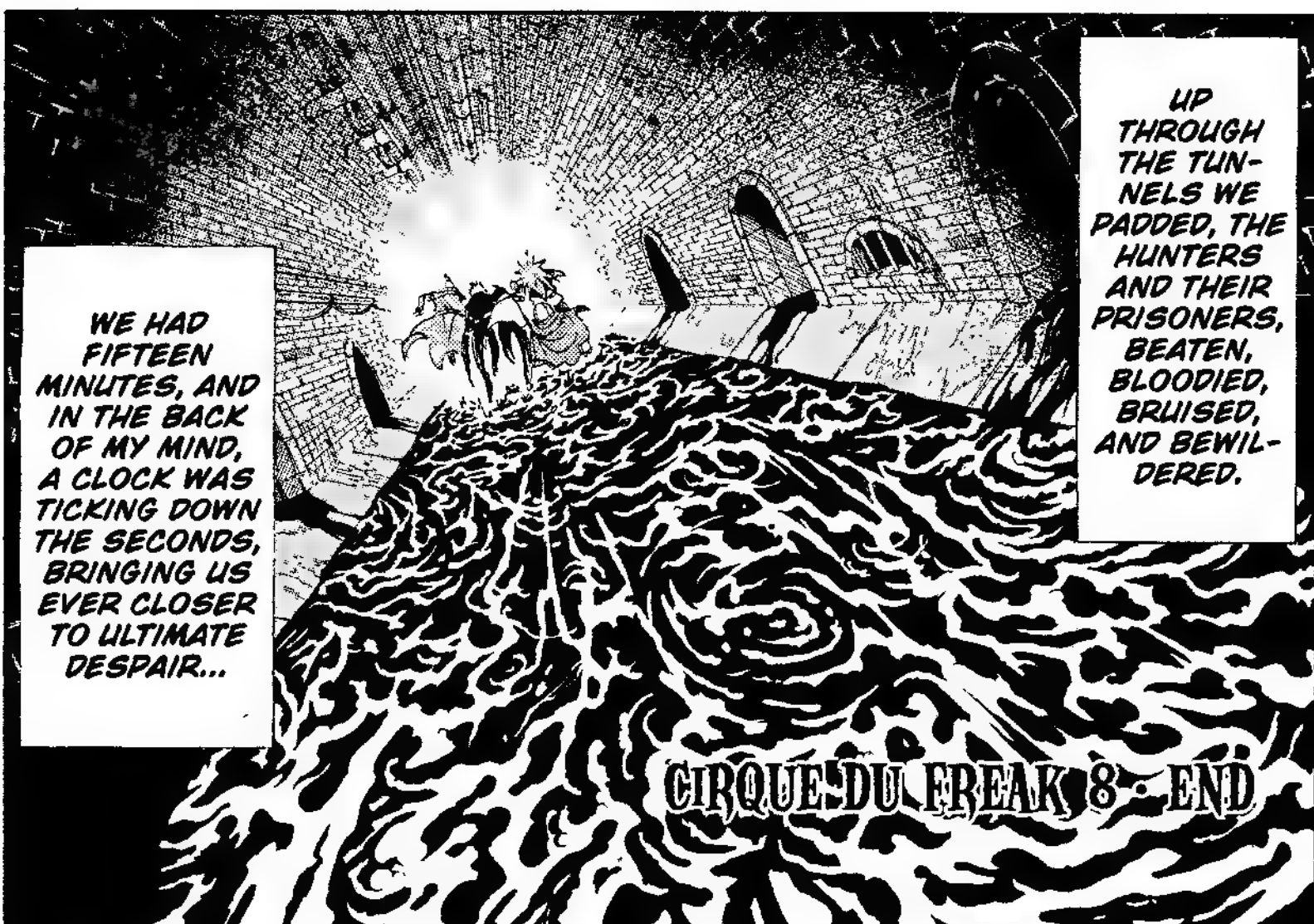
WE MUST  
SURVIVE  
AT ALL  
COSTS!



HEH-HEH-  
HEH...YOU  
REALLY  
THINK  
YOU'LL  
MAKE  
IT OUT  
ALIVE?



...AND AN  
OPPORTU-  
NITY TO  
RESCUE  
DEBBIE  
FROM R.V.'S  
CLUTCHES!



WE HAD  
FIFTEEN  
MINUTES, AND  
IN THE BACK  
OF MY MIND,  
A CLOCK WAS  
TICKING DOWN  
THE SECONDS,  
BRINGING US  
EVER CLOSER  
TO ULTIMATE  
DESPAIR...

UP  
THROUGH  
THE TUN-  
NELS WE  
PADDED, THE  
HUNTERS  
AND THEIR  
PRISONERS,  
BEATEN,  
BLOODIED,  
BRUISED,  
AND BEWIL-  
DERED.

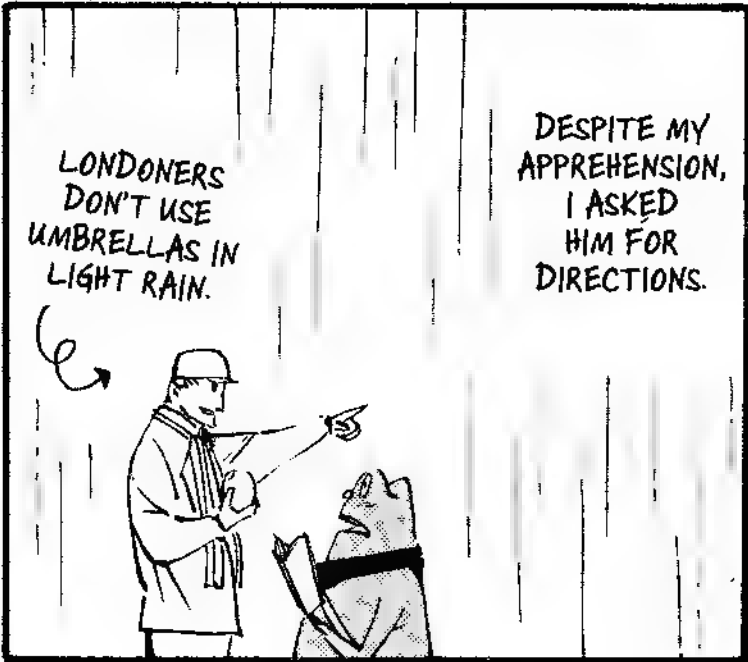
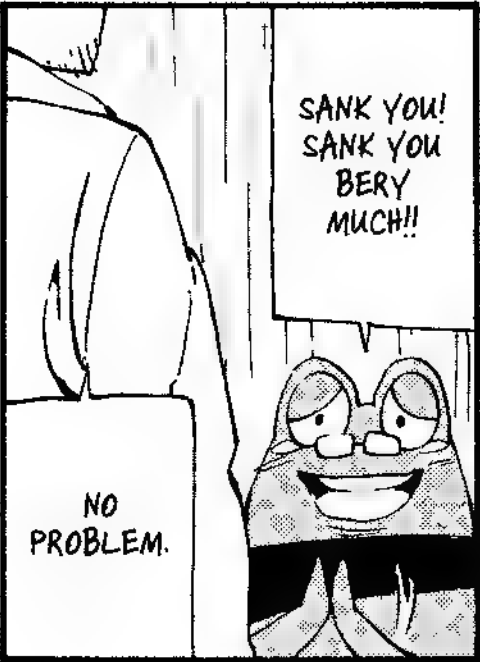
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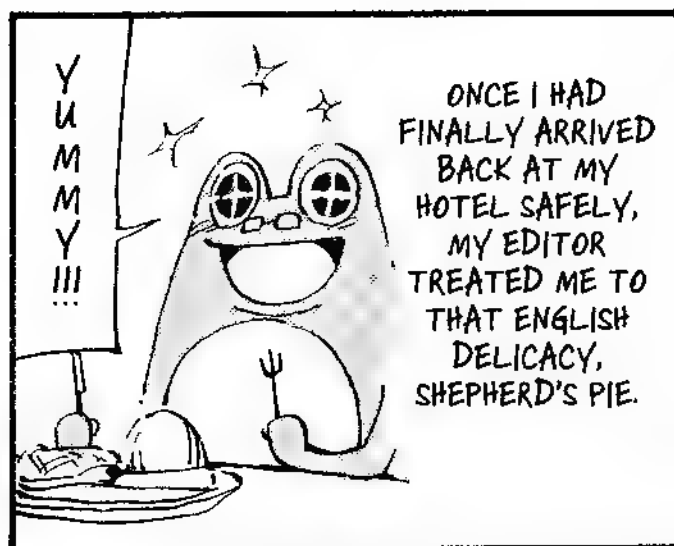




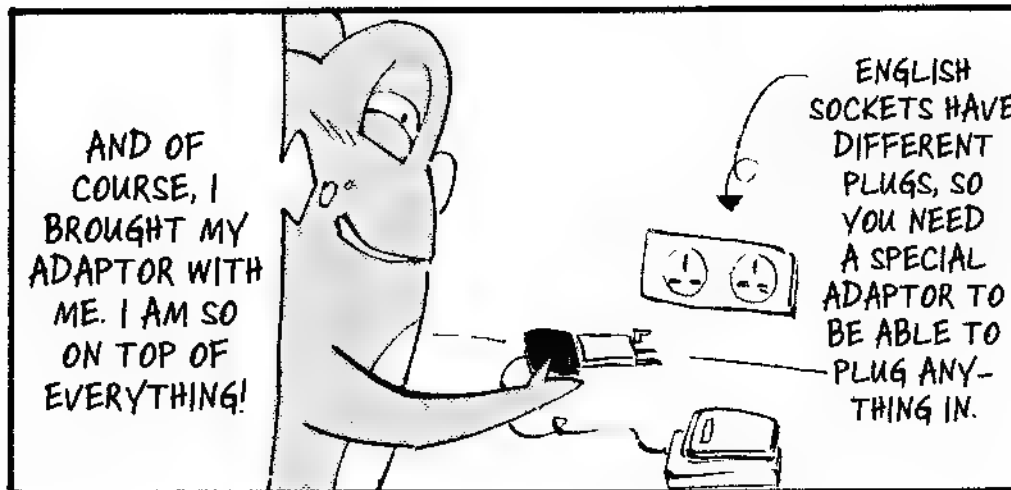
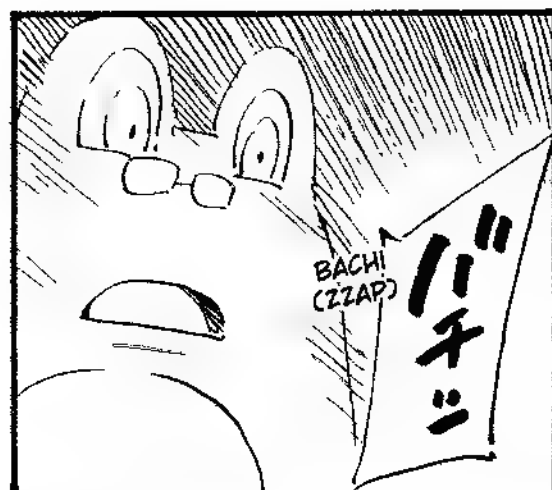
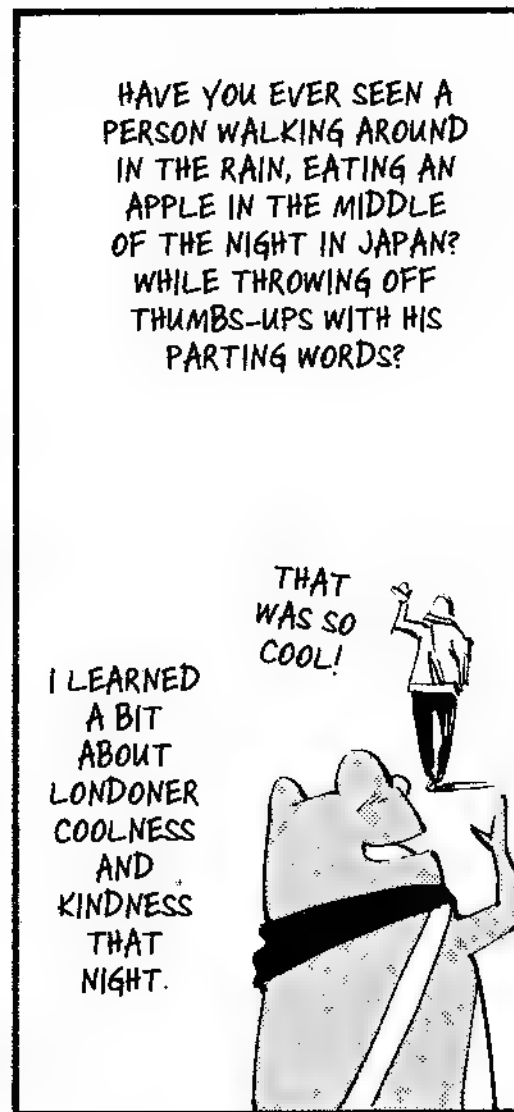
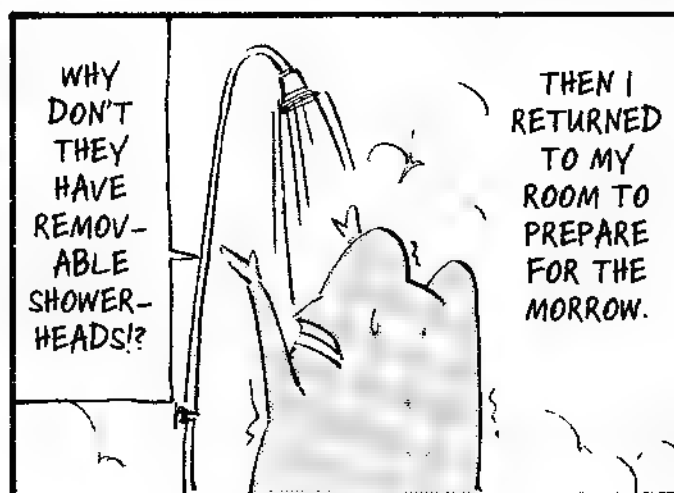


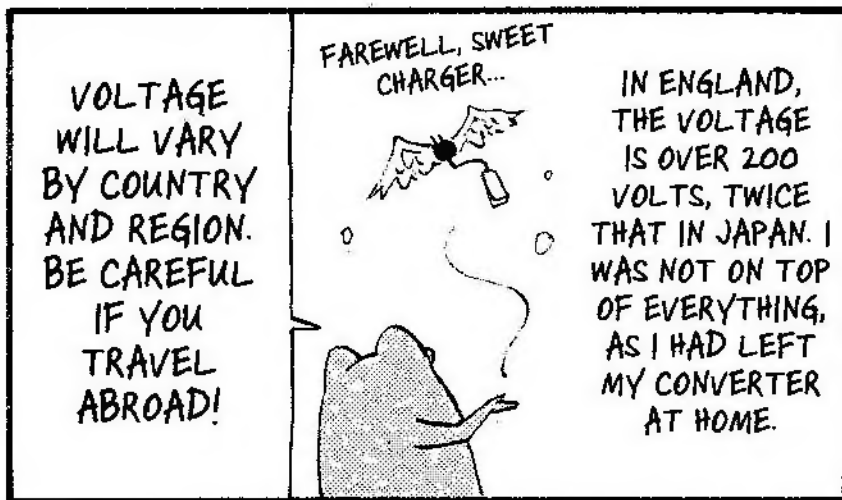
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I DID WANDER INTO A UNIVERSITY OF LONDON CAMPUS ALONG THE WAY.





■ The End ■

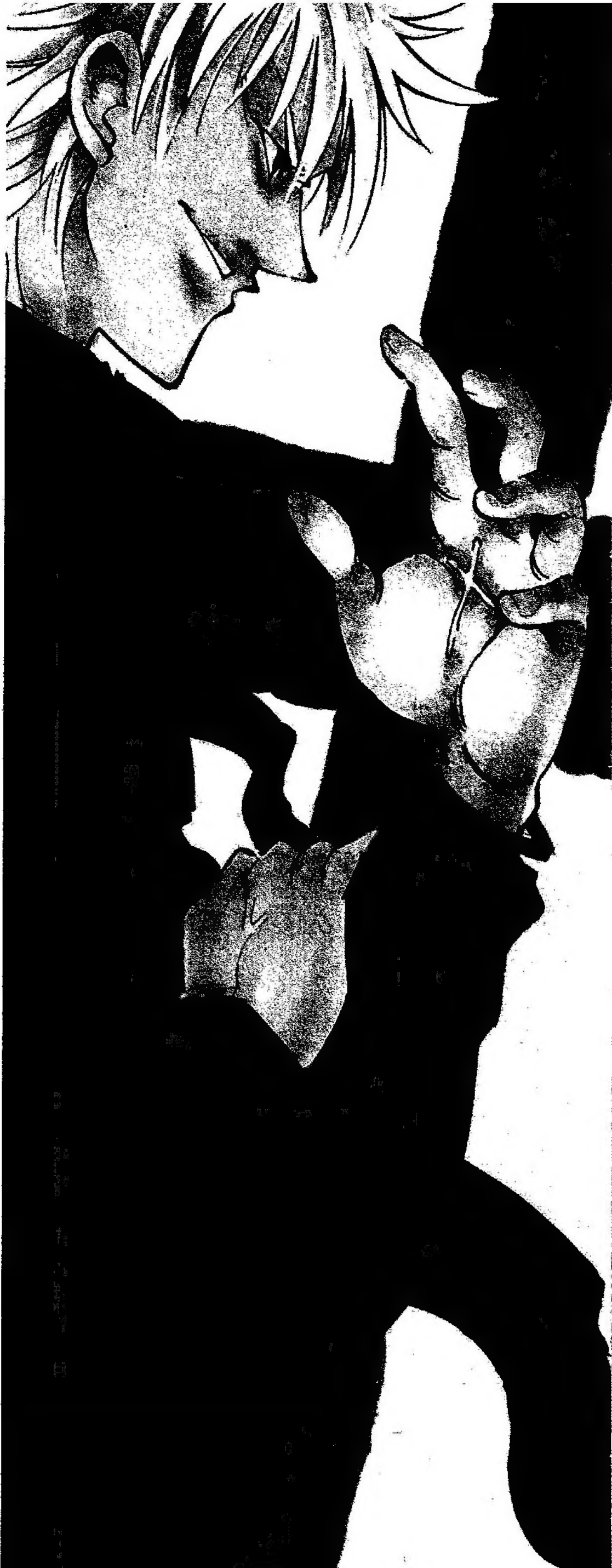


MESSAGE FROM  
TAKAHIRO ARAI



IT'S BEEN ANNOUNCED:  
DARREN SHAN IS GET-  
TING A HOLLYWOOD  
MOVIE MAKEOVER! AS  
I'M ONLY DRAWING A  
MANGA BASED ON THE  
ORIGINAL NOVELS, I'VE  
REALLY GOT NOTHING TO  
DO WITH ANY OF THIS,  
BUT I STILL CAN'T HELP  
BUT FEEL AS PROUD AS  
IF MY OWN STORY WAS  
MADE INTO A MOVIE!!  
THE CASTING IS ALREADY  
MOSTLY COMPLETE, AND  
I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT  
MORE. I HOPE IT COMES  
OUT SOOOOOON!!!

*\*THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT IS  
NOW AVAILABLE IN STORES!*





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